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STEAMER SEIZED.

CAPTURE BY CANTON GUNBOAT.

BIG ARMS HAUL.

News is to hand to-day from Canton to the effect that a small steamer named the Ng Ta Chow, encountered by a Canton Government gunboat in the delta, has been seized and taken to Kow-moon, where she has been confiscated as a result of the discovery on board of a large quantity of arms and ammunition believed to have been intended for remnants of Army Corps who have joined hands with a big bandit organization.

The affair is connected with the fact that remnants of the 3rd Army Division, formerly under the command of Chen Yan-kee, which was disbanded by the Cadet Corps last autumn, have again made their appearance under the command of Chow Han-ling, a former regimental commander of that Division. It is said that they have made a certain hilly locality in Sun Wui as their headquarters, and have gradually recalled back many of their old comrades of the 3rd Division, and have allied themselves with that notorious gang of bandits known as the Kwong Tung Tong. On being informed of the existence of this new organization, the Canton Government has taken precautionary measures against any contingencies which may arise, by transferring two crack regiments of the 4th Army Corps from the southern sector to Kow-moon, and by placing the 13th Division of the 5th Army Corps at strategic points in Shun Tak and Hung Shan, whilst more troops are being recalled from the south to reinforce the troops stationed at Sun-ning, Yan Ping and Hoi Ping.

Arising out of the above developments, four gunboats of the "Kong" class have been detailed to patrol the waters of the delta with orders to search all vessels they meet. News is now to hand stating that while the gunboat Kong Ku was on duty patrolling near the Nine Pins, off Macao, a small steamer was sighted and her movements created much suspicion. The steamer was signalled to stop, but instead of doing so, she got up more steam and tried to get away. However, a shot from the gunboat caused the steamer to stop her engines. An officer with a squad of marines boarded the steamer, and demanded that the Captain produce the ship's manifest, which stated that she had a cargo of general merchandise. The steamer proved to be the s.s. Ng Ta Chow, trading in the interior waterways near Canton. Not being satisfied with the manifest, a search was made of the ship, with the result that ten large bales were ripped open and found to contain component parts of two field guns and four machine guns.

A further search revealed 500 rifles and a quantity of Mauser revolvers, as well as a large quantity of ammunition. The officers and crew of the steamer were placed under arrest and a naval officer took command of the ship and steamed her, under the escort of Kong Ku, into Kow-moon where the arrested officers and crew, and the contraband cargo were landed. Both the contraband cargo and the steamer were declared confiscated, and the officers and crew will be tried by court martial.

THE INVASION OF HAINAN.

TEN THOUSAND MEN LANDED IN JUNKS.

GENERAL TANG'S FLIGHT.

A further report in connection with the landing of troops of the Canton Army on the island of Hainan is to hand stating that 10,000 men were transported in three fleets of junks.

The first fleet landed 3,000 troops at Sun Lam Bay and took up their position at Poo Chin. A detachment was sent to cut off communication between Wen Chang and Kiungchow, while the main body advanced on the latter city. The second fleet landed another 3,000 troops at a point near the first landing, and proceeded at once to co-operate with the main body of the first column. Four thousand more troops effected a landing and captured Wen Chang city, and on the same day the capture of Kiungchow was announced.

It is reported that most of General Tang Poon-yan's officers and their families took flight on the s.s. Hanoi for Kwong Chong Wan, while others escaped to Hainan. It is also said that Tang himself previously left by one of the Northern cruisers for an unknown port.

The Peoples' Army is said to have given material assistance to the Canton Army, and is now demanding high military commands as a reward.

TROOPS SURRENDER.

KIANGSI BORDER INCIDENT.

It was reported some time ago that roving bands of the Yuet Kwan had again gathered on the Kiangsi boundary, and had made frequent raids and depredations into the extreme north-eastern districts of Lien Ping, Wo Ping and Ping Yuen, and that, being within the sphere of his responsibility, General Ching Chim had despatched three battalions of troops to those districts.

A telegram has now been received from General Ching to the effect that the Yuet Kwan have been completely defeated, and that about two thousand have conditionally surrendered. It is added that the surrendered soldiers are being examined with a view to re-enlisting them in service, to fill up the vacancies of the 18th Division of the 6th Army Corps.

MERCHANT ROBBED.

THIEF GETS THREE MONTHS.

After some time spent in cultivating the friendship, and, incidentally, the confidence of a Californian merchant at No. 125, Connaught Road, a man made off a few days ago with all the merchant's personal effects. According to the story related in the Central Police Court this morning, a clean sweep was achieved of the merchant's room, for not only was a large quantity of clothing stolen, but personal papers and business documents were taken as well. When the man was eventually arrested, yesterday, it was found that the goods, amounting to \$500 in value, had been disposed of, a part being sold to marine hawkers at Lascar Row, and the remainder pledged to a pawnbroker.

Mr. F. X. d'Almada appeared to prosecute in the case, and the thief was sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. R. E. Lindell.

TRADE LOAN.

14 MILLION DOLLARS APPROVED.

MORE REQUESTS.

That advantage is still being taken of the facilities offered by Hongkong's Trade Loan, and that, at the same time, a number of applicants who made requests for loans in October of last year, have since come to the conclusion that they can carry on without the money, was disclosed this morning when a Telegraph representative was favoured with a few figures by a Government official.

Applications have been coming in fairly constantly since the first announced closing date, but, as in the beginning, a great number have had to be turned down because the requests do not comply with the terms of the loan.

The Committee appointed by His Excellency the Governor to consider the applications has already approved the disbursement of \$14,681,000, an amount which is distributed amongst some two hundred persons or firms, but the sum actually paid in cash up to date, we are given to understand, is something over eight millions of dollars, or approximately one-third of the resources placed at the disposal of the Government.

The approvals will not be paid out in their entirety for the simple reason that several applicants who originally made requests, have since discovered that they are in a position to carry on without the aid of the loan. These are principally Chinese native banks which, we understand, offered shares as security, but which have since had their shares redeemed by their customers, or which have found a suitable market.

The total amount now stated as unlikely to be required is \$1,341,600, and to get the amount which will be paid out in due course, apart from new approvals, it is necessary to subtract that sum from the \$14,681,000 previously mentioned.

The Committee is to sit again on Wednesday to consider further applications, of which there are about eighty still outstanding, including a large number which require valuation of property before the applications can be placed before the committee.

The applicants are mainly Chinese.

INGENIOUS HIDING PLACES.

DISCOVERED BY REVENUE OFFICERS.

One of the most ingenious devices ever used by an opium smoker to secrete illicit drug nearly robbed revenue officers of a case yesterday.

Visiting a floor in Peel Street yesterday, which was used as an opium divan, Senior Revenue Officer Watt made a search for illicit opium which is usually the only kind smoked in these secret dens. During the search Mr. Watt noticed a face towel hanging from a nail on the wall. It was by the nearest chance that he discovered that into the side of the towel hidden from view, a small pocket had been sewn, and that in this pocket was a quantity of opium.

The owner of this towel, who was proved to be the tenant of the floor, was fined \$75 by Mr. R. E. Lindell, this morning on a charge of being the keeper of the divan, and ten smokers, who were also arrested, estimated their bail of \$3 on non-appearance in Court.

Yet another trick almost comparable to the one mentioned above, came under the notice of revenue officers during the week-end. They were searching a cobler for illicit drug but found nothing on him. On turning over his chair, however, they found that a pocket had been attached to the under side of the seat. In this receptacle was secreted a small quantity of illicit opium.

RACE PONY'S RECENT INJURY.

MR. CARROLL'S COMPENSATION CLAIM.

COURT CANNOT SETTLE.

A claim for compensation for damage done to a well-known racing pony arose out of a traffic case, heard by Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Last week the Court fined a Chinese youth \$5 in a case in which he was charged with failing to report to the police an accident caused when his motor cycle ran into Mr. A. H. Carroll's pony Elmleaf, and the case was then adjourned while the question of compensation to Mr. Carroll for the damage done to his pony was looked into.

On the case resuming this morning, the Magistrate informed Mr. Carroll, who was not present in the Court during the previous hearing, as to the finding of the Court, and said that the question of compensation had been held over because the defendant stated that very little damage appeared to have been done to the pony.

Mr. Carroll said that the animal was seriously damaged, and for a week it could stand only on three legs. He had to have it looked after by the maofo and trainer, and, furthermore, had to have a veterinary surgeon to attend to it every day. Mr. Carroll said he was claiming only \$100 compensation, which he thought would cover everything.

Defendant said that when he first approached Mr. Carroll in his office, the latter told him that the damage amounted to only \$60.

The Magistrate pointed out that Mr. Carroll would not then have known the exact extent of the damage.

In another statement, defendant said, with regard to the circumstances under which the accident occurred, that the pony, led by the maofo, was at the time well against the side of the roadway on the gutter, and he was driving his cycle well on the tramlines, in Leighton Hill Road. It was no fault of his that at this moment the pony should take fright and jump on to the tramlines, right into his way.

The Magistrate:—You admitted the offence when you appeared before me last week. You were fined.

Defendant said that he did not admit that he was guilty of negligent driving. "Last week, your Worship fined me for not reporting this accident and told me that the case would be adjourned until today."

Referring to the record of the case, the Magistrate said:—Yes, that is correct. You were fined for failing to report the accident. You were fined \$5 and there the matter ended. The question of compensation is now under discussion.

His Worship eventually decided that the question of compensation was one purely between the parties concerned, and that it was not one for decision in his Court.

THE MITCHELL TRIAL.

PRESIDENT MODIFIES SENTENCE.

Washington, Jan. 25. President Coolidge has modified the court-martial sentence on Colonel Mitchell. He has ruled that Colonel Mitchell shall receive full Army allowance and half-pay, amounting to \$397 per month, during his suspension.—*Reuters American Service.*

SYRIAN ELECTIONS.

A FUTILE BOYCOTT.

Paris, Jan. 25. Elections for the Syrian Representative Councils resulted in 46 out of 53 Deputies being appointed. The attempted boycott has failed, since only in Hama and Homs seven seats still remain vacant.—*Indopacific.*

LIBERAL SPLIT.

SIR ALFRED MOND SECEDES.

LAND DISPUTE.

London, Jan. 25.

Sir Alfred Mond has severed his connection with the Liberal Party.

In a letter written to Lord Oxford and Asquith, announcing the decision, Sir Alfred Mond says that all his efforts to revivify and reorganise the Liberal forces have been rendered hopeless by the introduction of Mr. Lloyd George's land policy which has produced a new and profound cleavage in the Liberal ranks. Sir Alfred announces his intention to join a party with which he feels he can most usefully co-operate, namely, the Conservatives.—*Reuters.*

[The Right Hon. Sir Alfred Mond, Bart., M.P., has been one of the principal figures in the Liberal Party for very many years. He was first elected to Parliament in 1906, and was made a Privy Councillor in June, 1913. He was formerly one of the proprietors of the *Westminster Gazette*, and was a managing-director of Messrs. Brunner, Mond and Co., and Chairman of the Mond Nickel Company.

He has always been an ardent free-trader. He joined Mr. Lloyd George's ministry in 1916 and was First Commissioner of Works until April, 1921, when he was appointed Minister of Health, which post he held until October, 1922. He was defeated in the 1923 General Election, but was returned by Carmarthen in the following year. His speeches against Socialism last year attracted much attention, and ever since Mr. Lloyd George announced his land policy, Sir Alfred has been its most bitter opponent.]

THEFT CHARGE.

LARCENY FROM BOOKBINDERS' STORE.

At the Central Police Court this morning, before Major Willson, a young Chinese, employed at the Der A. Wing Company, bookbinders, Duddell Street, was charged with the theft of some green bookbinding cloth, valued at \$1.50.

Sergt. McEwen said it appeared that the No. 1 man in the binding department told the defendant, who is his fooki, to cut off a yard of the cloth and take it to a tea house in Wellington Street, and there wait for him. A supervisor, however, learnt of the boy leaving the premises with a parcel, and, on finding him, and opening the parcel, discovered the cloth inside.

The defendant told him he was acting under the orders of the No. 1 man, and the supervisor took him to the manager. There had been a good many of such petty larcenies going on, and they wanted to put a stop to it. The No. 1 man had admitted to him (Sergt. McEwen) that the defendant was acting under his orders.

The supervisor and the manager gave evidence. The latter said the No. 1 man admitted he told the boy to take the cloth, saying he wanted to use it for a table cloth.

The defendant said he cut off the cloth, and packed it, on the orders of the No. 1 man, and he told him (defendant) he had bought the cloth from the firm. He was ordered to wait outside a tea shop in Wellington Street, until the No. 1 man arrived.

Major Willson directed that the No. 1 man be charged with the theft, and remanded the defendant on \$10 bail. He intimated he would take both cases to-morrow morning.

THE SILK STORE BURGLARY.

HOW THE ROBBERS GAINED ENTRY.

ARREST ON SUSPICION.

In connection with the burglary at the Popular Silk Store in China Building, a report of which appears elsewhere in this issue it was stated by the police authorities this morning that entry into the shop was effected by cutting through the wood work of a trapdoor in the ceiling of the shop.

This trap door was in existence at the time when Madame Flint's dressmaking establishment was located in this shop. When the Popular Silk Store later took over the shop, they had the trap door covered over with a layer of plaster and cement, but neglected to fill up the aperture with concrete, with the result that it was a comparatively easy task for the burglars to cut through the partition. A disused bannister rail left lying in the premises was utilised by the burglars for the purpose of sliding through the aperture into the cockpit of the Popular Silk Store.

A Chinese was arrested yesterday, in connection with the burglary, but it was stated this morning that this was merely on suspicion, and was not likely to lead to any important development in the case.

Police officials, when seen by a *Telegraph* representative this morning, expressed their belief that the robbery was the work of the same gang who were responsible for previous burglaries in stores in the central part of the town.

In this connection, mention was made by one official of the frequent use of a bamboo pole for scaling purposes. Now and again, he said, such a pole was found left lying conveniently in a back lane, but, in spite of a careful watching, no one had ever been caught making use of such an implement.

HONGKONG HOWLERS.

JULIUS CAESAR AUTHOR OF BIBLE.

The *Yellow Dragon* (Queen's College magazine) says:

In the recent examination one class 8 boy wrote: "Mr. Tanner has gone to England to join his ancestors." Not yet, we hope. Another said that Julius Caesar was the author of the Bible, while one youth whose sense of direction cannot be very good said that Hongkong lay east-west of Canton. One imaginative scholar, who evidently likes the gigantic, said that the Great Pyramid was five thousand feet high. And that too after reading about the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World in this magazine!

ROBBERS SCARED.

VISIT TO JAPANESE BARBER SHOP.

Three robbers who visited a Japanese barber's shop at No. 19, Praya East, at 10.15 last night, were forced to leave, before they had accomplished their purpose, by the premature blowing of a police whistle.

It appears that the noise occasioned by the tying up of an animal in the kitchen which the gang first entered, aroused the suspicions of the barber, who was engaged in conversation with a friend in the shop, and he gave the alarm.

The gang made good their escape by the time the police came on the scene.

NO STRIKE.

SETTLEMENT IN RAILWAY DISPUTE.

MEN ACCEPT AWARD.

London, Jan. 25.

The critical negotiations between the representatives of the railway companies and the N. U. R. opened at Euston this morning with regard to the Union's demands that the Companies should agree not to operate the clause of the Award of the National Wages Board providing that new entrants after February 1st. will be paid only base rates without the cost of living bonus, and also a demand that the existing standard base rates, which are generally one hundred per cent. above pre-war rates, will be declared an irreducible minimum. Several branches of the Union have already passed a resolution in favour of a national strike if the Union's demands are refused. At the conclusion of the negotiations the Companies submitted a memorandum which the Delegate Conference of Railwaymen will consider later.

At to-day's negotiations, the Railway Companies declined to concede the points raised by the Railwaymen's Union, and pointed out that they had accepted the findings of the Wages Board which the Union had repudiated for the second time after the Union's representatives had signed the report. The Companies intimated that if the Union persisted in this attitude they would be obliged seriously to consider their attitude towards the Wages Board machinery, which was being rendered "futile and farcical."

NO STRIKE.

A subsequent meeting of the railwaymen's delegates, decided by a narrow majority not to call a strike but to accept the award of the Wages Board.—*Reuters.*

THE ISSUES.

Rugby, Jan. 25.

A meeting between the representatives of the railway companies and of the National Union of Railwaymen was held this morning. There was a discussion of the objections raised by the men to the award of the National Wages Board. As explained in previous messages, the men objected to the finding of the National Wages Board in that men hereafter joining the railway service and not promoted shall receive only the basic rate of service, and men promoted shall receive only the basic wage of grades to which they are appointed without cost of living bonus. They asked for an assurance that the railway companies would accept the basic rates as an irreducible minimum.

The exact tenor of the railway companies' reply has not been announced. At a conference of railwaymen's delegates this afternoon, however, two resolutions were moved. One resolution was to refuse to accept the award and to declare a strike next Friday; the other was to accept the award. By a very narrow majority the resolution accepting the award was adopted. It would appear therefore that the railway crisis is over.—*British Wireless.*

TRIUMPH FOR MR. THOMAS.

London, Jan. 25.

Passionate speeches were delivered by both sides at the railwaymen's conference when debating the motion for a definite strike on Friday, which was ultimately rejected by 41 votes to 36. The outcome is regarded as a triumph for Mr. J. H. Thomas, who throughout strove to uphold the prestige of the Wages Board.—*Reuters.*

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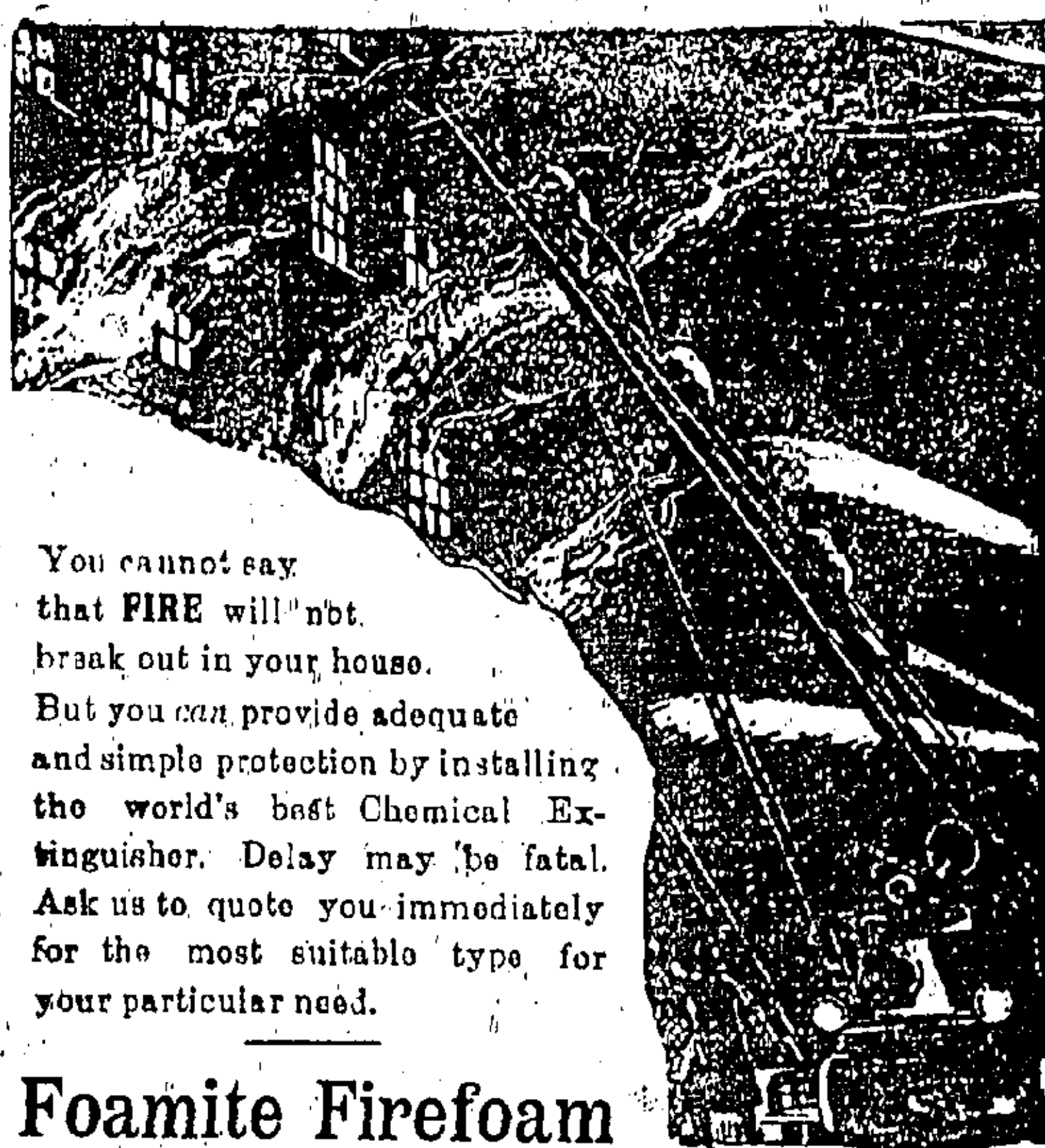
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SEIZURE OF ARMS.

EIGHT BENAVON FIREMEN
CHARGED.Story of Extensive Finds in
the Forecastle.

The case arising out of the seizure of arms and ammunition on board the S.S. Benavon was proceeded with at the Central Magistrate's Court yesterday, when the eight Chinese firemen charged with being in possession of the property were before Mr. R. E. Lindsell and Major C. Willson.

Revenue Officer Beattie was recalled and questioned by Mr. Lindsell.

Mr. Lindsell: Can you say whether the Benavon carried any other Chinese besides the twelve men arrested and the one who was not arrested, as part of the crew?

Witness: The saloon boys, stewards, and cooks were also Chinese.

Did you see any of them on board?

When we searched the rest of the ship we saw the stewards, cooks and some of the boys. Witness, in reply to another question, said the starboard side of the forecastle was occupied by the European crew.

Probable Previous Search.

Mr. Lindsell: Chief Preventive Officer Clark said that the condition of the place was such as to make him think some one had been there ahead of them. Would you say that some one had been there ahead and had been through the men's effects?

Witness: The appearance of the place suggested that someone had been through the men's effects as if looking for something.

Supposing the firearms and ammunition had been planted there, would you expect the clothing to have been thrown about?

I should not expect it unless it was done in a great hurry.

Questioned by Mr. Leo d'Almada, who appeared for one of the defendants, witness said that all the bunks in the forecastle appeared to have been occupied.

A Chinese revenue officer, who assisted in the search of the vessel, said he found a rattan basket under a bunk. It contained a revolver and four boxes of cartridges. After further search he found 250 rounds of ammunition, together with the personal effects of one of the men.

A Broken Lock.

The box containing the 250 rounds of ammunition was locked when he found it, and had to be prised open. The rattan basket was not locked. Witness said the lock on that was broken, and had apparently been forced before the Revenue Officers arrived. It was tightly bound with cord when witness found it.

Another Chinese revenue officer said he found a sack on an upper bunk. It contained two revolvers. The mouth of the sack was tightly tied with cord.

Mr. Lindsell commented on the fact that the two witnesses had said that things were left neatly arranged in the firemen's quarters, and yet the European officers had said the quarters were in confusion.

C.D. I. Grant said that no doubt some of the confusion was due to the search.

It was intimated that there were five further witnesses to be called for the prosecution, and the hearing was adjourned until a week to-day, the following Thursday being arranged for a later hearing.

WATER PIPE BURSTS.

CONSIDERABLE WASTE OF
WATER.

Queen's Road Scene.

Great torrents of water flowing rapidly along the trench made on the left side of Queen's Road, where for the past two or three weeks repairs have been in hand, caused considerable interest among passers-by and great consternation to shop keepers, who were in fear of having their stores inundated, yesterday evening, when a water pipe at the junction of Queen's Road and Pottinger Street burst.

The first signs of any trouble having occurred, was witnessed by a number of pedestrians, who were passing at the time. The volume of water is stated to have reached as high as the first floor of the buildings and poured into the shop at the corner. Thereafter, there was a continued flow of water from a connection in the pipe which had presumably burst. The fire brigade were called to the scene, but after several attempts failed to locate the main, and a message was despatched to the Public Works Department. On the arrival of a workman from the P.W.D., the mains, one of which was in Wyndham Street, were discovered and the water turned off.

The trench on the side of the roadway was overflowing with water and Pottinger Street afforded an outlet for the huge volume spouting on to the road. Flowing down into Des Voeux Road, the water soon covered the streets and made pedestrian traffic difficult. But for the trench in Queen's Road, the damage would have been very great, especially to the shops situated below the road level.

No time was lost by the shop keepers in barricading their entrances, to prevent the possibility of water pouring into the premises and causing damage to goods. Having experienced similar floods during the rainy season, they were well prepared for the emergency. But for the inconvenience caused there was no loss suffered by any of the shops.

The loss of water was exceptionally great and during the present dry season it could be ill spared. It was estimated that as much as 600 gallons were wasted every minute.

HONGKONG PROBLEMS.

THE WATER SUPPLY: RABIES
OUTBREAK.

Questions In the Sanitary Board.

At to-day's meeting of the Hongkong Sanitary Board Dr. W. V. M. Koch will ask the following questions:

A.—Water examination.

(1) Is it the case that the bacteriological examination of the Hongkong potable waters is made only once a month?

(2) Is it not advisable that such examinations should be made at least once a week?

(3) Can and will the Authorities concerned take steps to have this done?

B.—Prevention of Rabies.

In view of the recurrence of Rabies from time to time in the Colony, and of the proved efficiency of Antirabic Vaccination as a preventative, would the Authorities consider the possibility of insisting upon such vaccination for dogs previous to the issue of a license?

KOWLOON SHOOTING.

BULLETS ENTER HOUSE IN
HANKOW ROAD.

A somewhat mysterious shooting affair is reported from Kowloon. It appears that on Sunday night a married woman, the wife of a servant employed by Mr. Patel, 3 Patel Villas, Hankow Road, Kowloon, was on the ground floor of the house shortly after eight o'clock, when she heard two shots fired at the rear of the room.

A third shot was fired, and she went into the room to investigate. She found that a bullet had pierced a piece of cardboard which had been placed over a broken window pane. Two other bullets had apparently found their way into the room as well.

The police report adds: "Motive unknown; believed political. Assailant not seen."

WAR DEBTS.

Rugby, Jan. 25.

Discussions between Count Volpi, of the Italian Debt Funding Mission, and Mr. Winston Churchill and British Treasury officials, regarding settlement of the Italian war debt, will be resumed this afternoon. Matters are understood to have been considerably advanced in the last few days.

Further progress may be made to-day, in view of communications that have passed between Count Volpi and his Government at Rome. —British Wireless.

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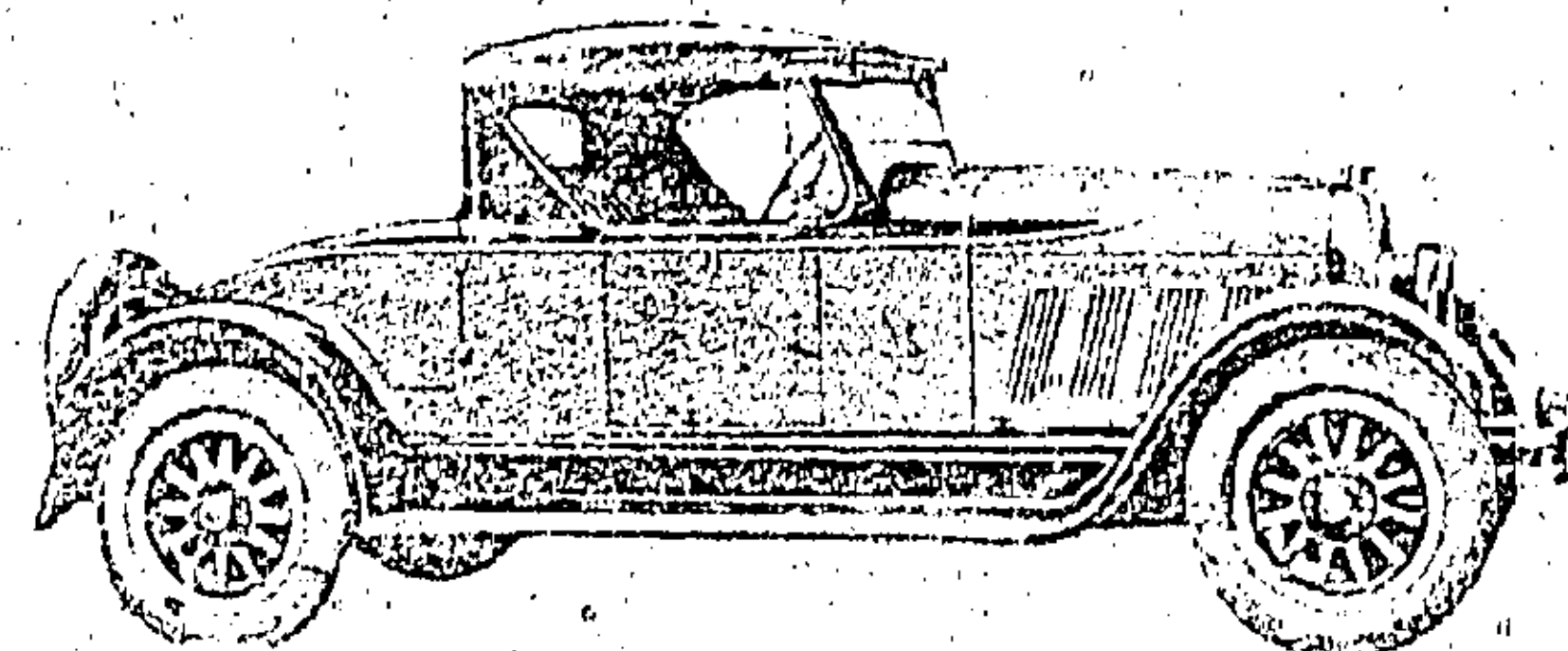
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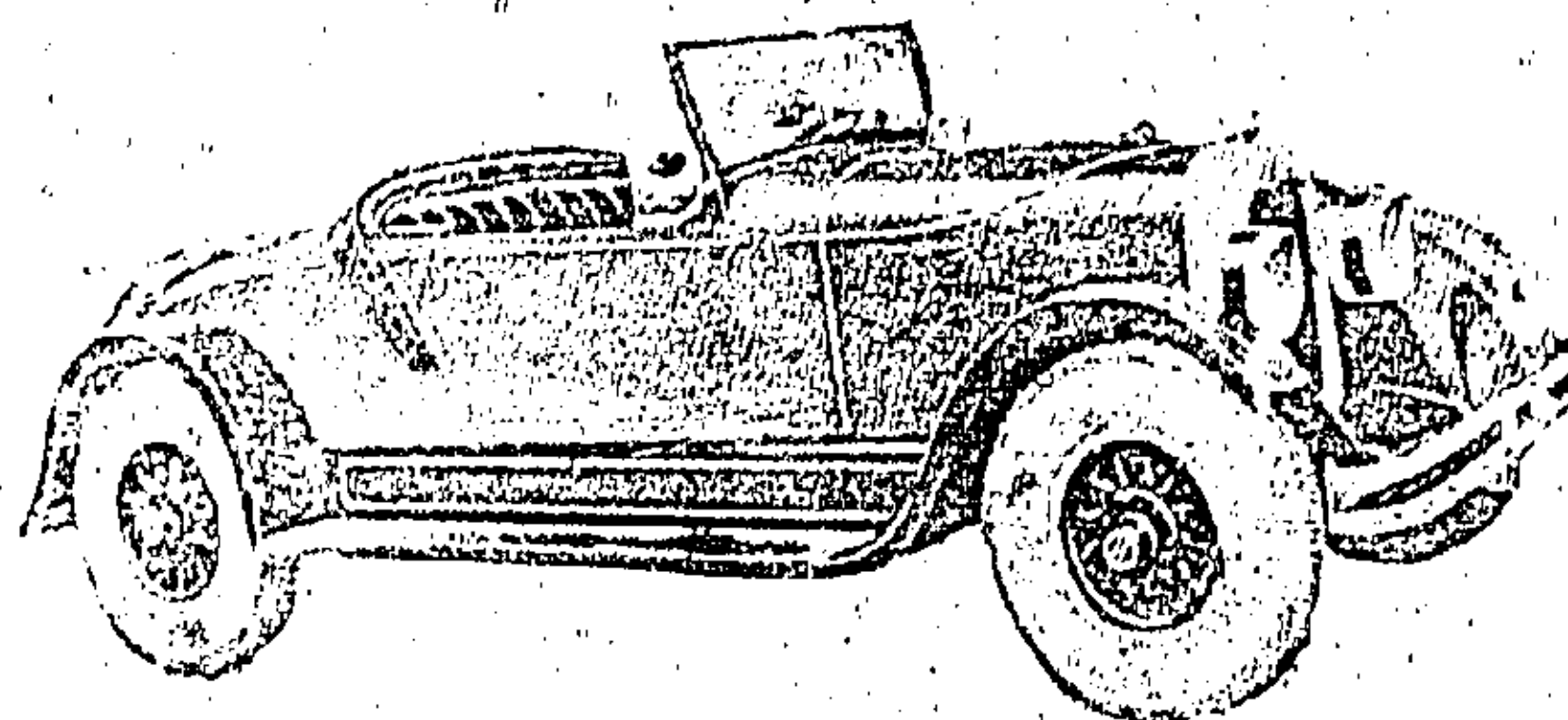
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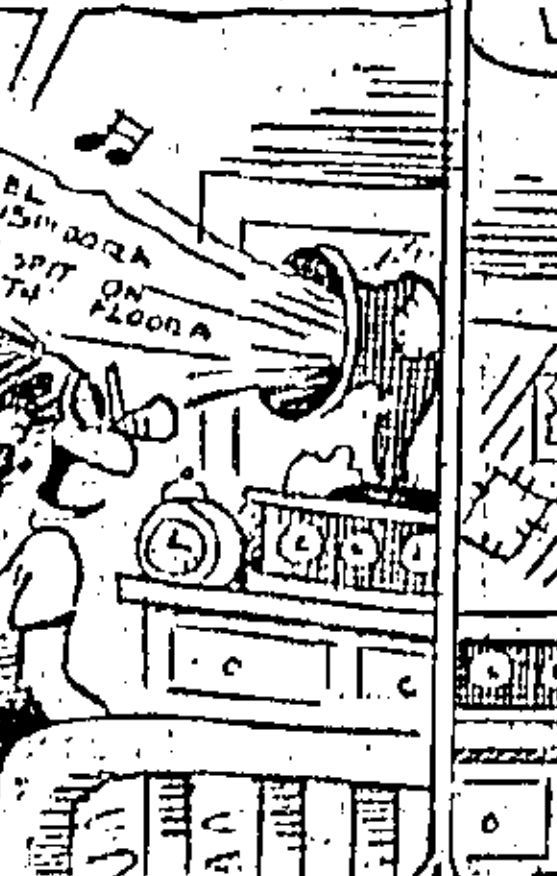
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WEAR MY NEW RADIO
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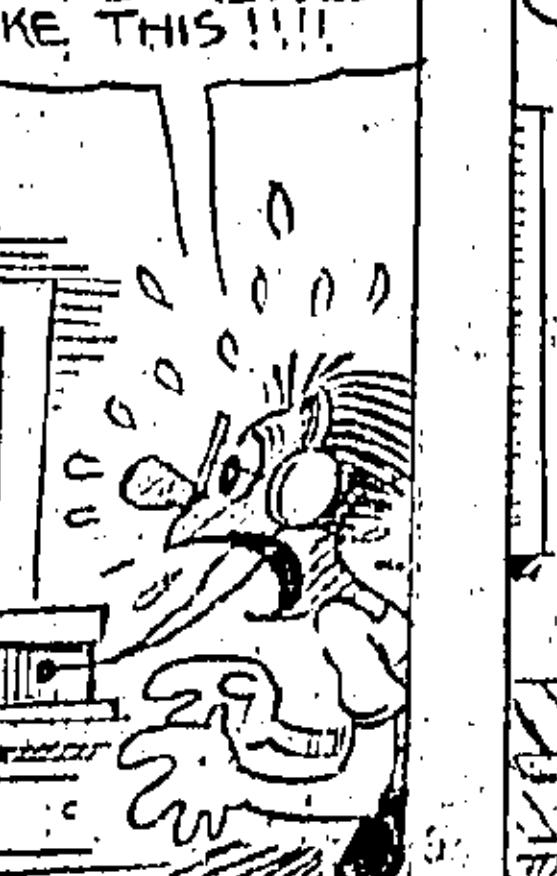
GREAT,
AIN'T IT,
SAM?



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WHERE'S MY
SHIRT?!!!!



WHAT
TH' SAM
HILL DVA
WANT YOUR
SHIRT FOR?



THEY JUST
ANNOUNCED THAT
A LADY IS
GONNA SING



Who Says Sam Ain't Modest?

By Swan.

Shanghai Racing.



The Ladies' Hunt in Shanghai was won, after a trail of an hour and a half, by Miss Billy Coutts on Master Robert. Darkness had almost descended when the lady riders came in.

New Envoy.



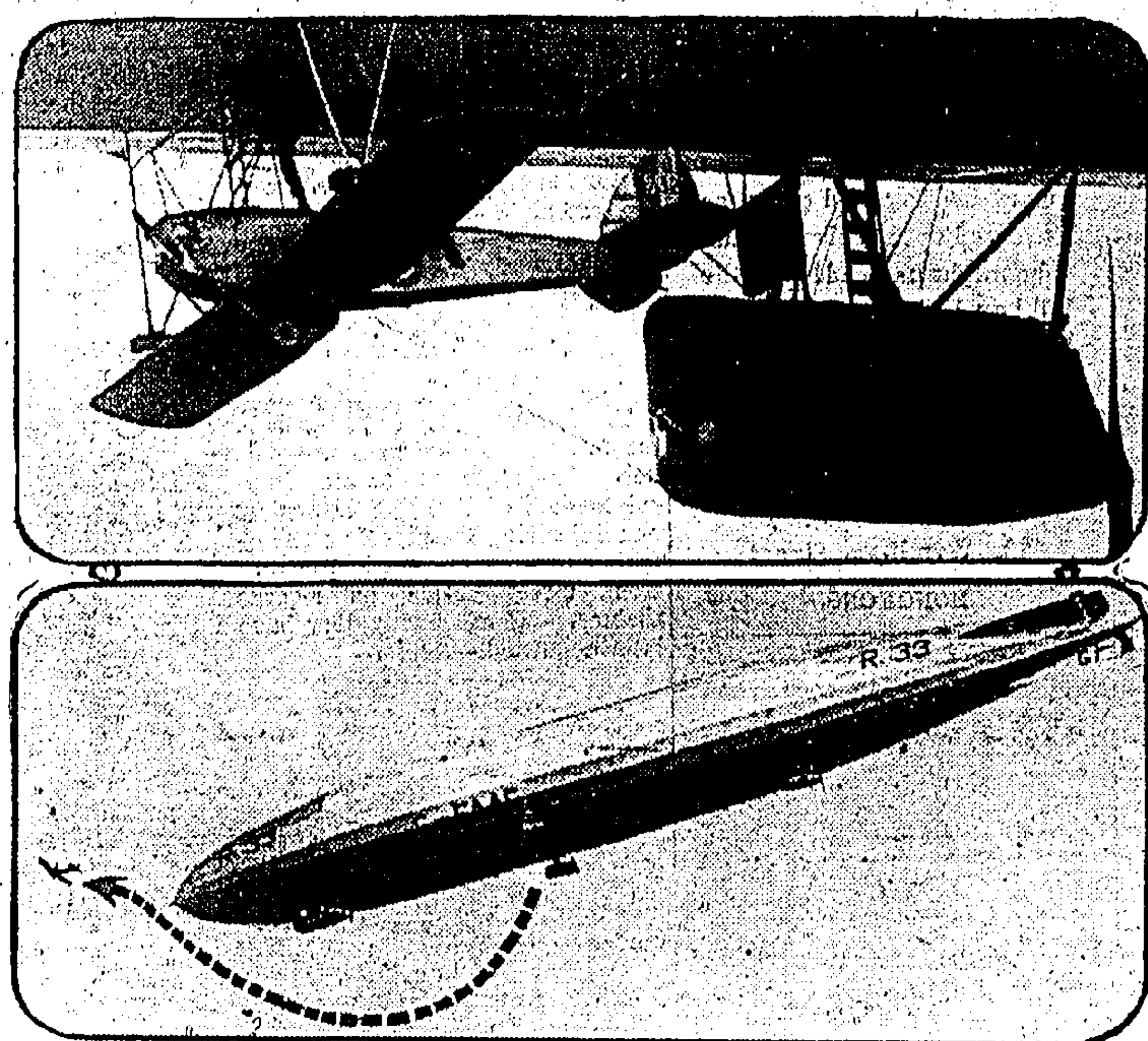
Senator Henri Borenger, of France, the new French Ambassador to the United States.

Ladies Hunt in Shanghai.



Photograph shows Mr. A. N. Dallas on Sergeant Boy being led in after winning the first race of the year in the New Year Meeting of the Shanghai Race Club. He is followed by Mr. J. K. Brand on Zámbo.

Plane Takes Off From Dirigible.



For the first time in history an airplane was launched from a dirigible. The test was almost successfully completed by Lieutenant Le Huga Haig. In the upper picture he is seen getting into the cockpit of his DH-58 monoplane which was attached to the R-33. In the lower picture his plane can be seen soaring ahead of the big ship. He succeeded in attaching his plane to the dirigible again. The nose and propeller of monoplane were damaged in the test, which took place at Pulham.

Mr. Rudyard Kipling.



This picture of Mr. Rudyard Kipling, famous English author, was taken just before his recent illness.

At Finish of Exciting Race.



What odds were paid in this bullock race in Java are not on record. Be that as it may, bullock racing is a popular sport on the Island.

The Cavalry Takes a Tumble.



Cavalrymen at the Fort Riley cavalry school, America, gave a stirring exhibition of horsemanship recently which included one event not on the programme.

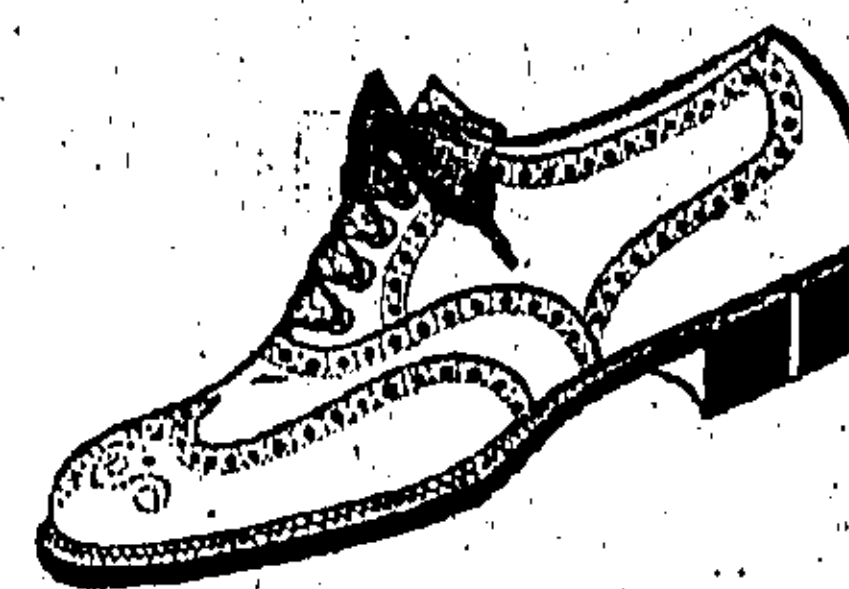
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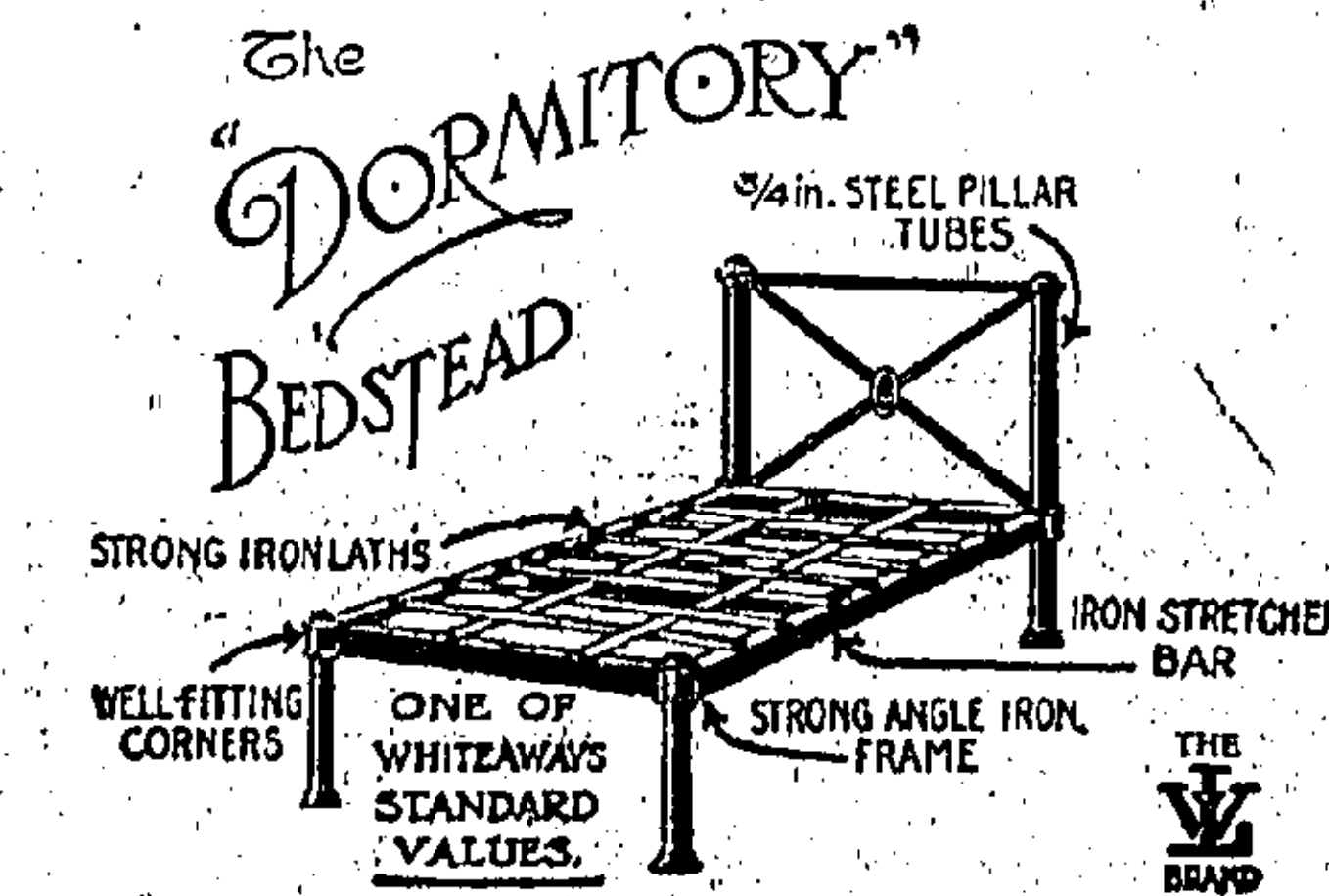
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF THIS COMPANY will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, the 28th January, 1926, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1925.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Wednesday, the 20th January, 1926, to Thursday, the 28th January, 1926, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board of Directors.

F. H. CRAPNELL,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, Jan. 15, 1926.

NOTICE

Notification is hereby given that Mr. Yeung U. Tin is no longer employed by this Company, and further, that monies now due and owing to Struthers and Barry must not be paid to him from and after this date. Any amounts paid after publication of this notice will be considered as though they had not been made. All payments should be made to the Office and no receipt will be valid unless signed by the Agent.

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Hongkong, Jan. 22, 1926.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY EIGHTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd. on WEDNESDAY, 27th January 1926, at noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1925.

The REGISTER of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Friday, 15th January to Wednesday, 27th January, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
L. S. GREENHILL,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 7th January, 1926.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

Tennis Tournament.

REMINDER.

ENTRIES CLOSE
on SATURDAY 30th, Jan.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

LAMMERT BROS.

Sale of Carpets, Rugs, and Hair Mattresses etc.

(Salvage ex "Hongkong Hotel Fire")

will be held on

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The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

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Catalogues will be issued.
On view from Sunday, January 31st, 1926.

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LAMMERT BROS.,
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Hongkong, Jan. 25, 1926.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on WEDNESDAY, the 27th January, 1926, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at No. 231, Nathan Road (No. 4 Lay's Building), Ground Floor, Kowloon.

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NEED FOR ECONOMY.

PRIME MINISTER'S WARNING.

London, Jan. 25.

Mr. Baldwin, in a speech at the Unionist Association dinner in London, said unless great economies were secured, an increase in taxation this year or next, whatever Government was in power, would be inevitable. The Premier thankfully noted hopeful signs in trade improvement and declared that economies must be made involving sacrifices not only in luxuries but in things almost within the category of necessities. He stated that the eyes of their opponents were fixed more on spending rather than on saving, and the Government would need the stoutest support of all its friends.

The foregoing came at the conclusion of a speech claiming a record year for legislation and enumerating the satisfactory measures for settling foreign and domestic difficulties in which social reform had a prominent place.—Reuter.

THE DAWES PLAN.

AMERICAN BANKER'S VIEW.

Berlin, Jan. 25.

The Press comments sharply on the declaration made by Mr. F. Kent, Vice-President of the Bank Trust in New York, on the utilization by Germany of American credit. Mr. Kent said that the execution of the Dawes plan was threatened by luxurious living and by the very big sums provided for armaments and pensions.—Indopacif.

SIKH EXTREMISTS.

LEADERS ACQUITTED.

Dehli, Jan. 25.
The last vestiges of opposition to the Shrines Management Act has now subsided, twenty of the principal leaders of the Sikh extremists on trial giving the necessary undertaking to work the Act and refrain from direct action as regards shrines. Consequently they have been acquitted.—Reuter.

GREEK FINANCES.

NEW LOAN PROPOSED.

Athens, Jan. 25.
The Official Gazette announces the authorisation of a Government loan of 1 milliard 250 millions drachmes, all bearers of banknotes being compelled to contribute to it for 25% of the nominal value. The loan will serve to reduce the floating debt of the Treasury.—Indopacif.

VIOLENT ASSAULT.

KNOCKED DOWN AND JUMPED ON.

Stating that his assailant knocked him down, and then jumped on him, one Chinese gave evidence against another who was charged with assault, before Major C. Wilson at the Central Police Court this morning.

The complainant said he was minding a stall for a Chinese woman in Staunton Street, when the defendant came along and, picking up a cigarette, put down one cash in payment. Complainant asked for full payment, whereupon the defendant said, "Aren't you afraid of death?" He then felled him to the ground with several blows, and then jumped on him.

Inspector Spears said he could call a constable who saw the defendant stamping on the complainant. The defendant was a chair cooler.

The defendant was sent to prison for ten days with hard labour, and was ordered to pay \$5 compensation, or, in default, four days' hard labour.

U. S. AND WORLD COURT.

FINAL VOTE SOON TO BE TAKEN.

Washington, Jan. 25.
The Senate by 68 votes to 26 has adopted a motion for the closure, thus ensuring that the final vote on the question of adherence to the World Court will be taken within a few days.—Reuter's American Service.

KU KLUX KLAN.

Washington, Jan. 25.
To-day's debate was led by Senator Robinson who, retorting to interruptions, said that the whole of the Ku Klux Klan was opposed to American membership of the World Court. Senator Robinson in this connection mentioned Senator Reed but the latter promptly denied that he was in anywise concerned with the Klan, nor had he any knowledge of its relation to the question.

The House passed the Navy Appropriation Bill, providing for the expenditure of approximately three hundred million dollars.—Reuter's American Service.

JAPAN'S TRADE.

THE LATEST STATISTICS.

Information courteously supplied us by the Consul General for Japan shows that Japan's exports during December totalled 207 million yen and her imports 185 million yen. Japan's trade with China for December totalled 41 million yen in exports and 39 million yen in imports.

Raw silk exported during the month from Yokohama and Kobe totalled 48,900 bales. According to the Japan Spinners' Association, the output of cotton yarn during the month was 231,600 bales (of 40 bundles), whilst the exports of this commodity reached 25,000 bales.

Merchandise in stock throughout the country at the end of November reached a total value of 518 million yen.

RUSSIA & CHINA.

PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT FORECASTED.

Moscow, Jan. 25.
A semi-official message gives the text of an agreement signed by the Russian Consul General at Mukden and the Chinese Foreign Commissioner for the Three Eastern Provinces whereby "a peaceful settlement of the dispute regarding the Eastern Railway may be considered assured."

The agreement provides for the release of those arrested and lays down conditions for the future administration of the line, including the transportation of armies. Reuter.

CHANG KAI-SHEK.

TO BE CHIEF COMMANDER.

With the acceptance of his resignation as "Kwan Chang" by the Canton Government, General Chang Kai-shek has resumed his former post as Principal of the Whampoa Military Academy. On the 1st February he will resume also the post of Garrison Commandant of Canton, when, it is said, the Government will create him Commander-in-Chief of the Army, Navy, and Police, with the powers to reprieve or pardon civil and military prisoners.

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RUSSIA AND CHINA.

JAPAN TO REMAIN NEUTRAL.

Tokyo, Jan. 25. Despite rumours to the contrary, the Foreign Office spokesman has stated that the Government does not intend to mediate in the Harbin dispute, but to continue a policy of "watchful waiting." Though it regards the situation as delicate, it is understood that the Government considers that both parties are bluffing, therefore it is hopeful that hostilities will not break out. —*Reuter*.

French Press Comment.

Paris, Jan. 25. The *Matin* and the *Homme Libre* hope that the conflict between the Soviet and Chang Tso-lin will be settled peacefully. —*Havas*.

Arrested Russians Released.

Peking, Jan. 25. The Soviet Consul General has telegraphed to M. Karukhan today stating that Marshal Chang Tso-lin at 10.30 yesterday evening ordered the release of M. Ivanoff and all the arrested Soviet officials and workmen at Harbin. —*Reuter*.

Threat of Court-martial.

Peking, Jan. 25. Week-end telegrams from Harbin do not indicate that the situation is less tense. It is asserted that M. Ivanoff will be tried by a Chinese court-martial, and probably be sentenced to a term of imprisonment. The charge is not disclosed.

The Chinese authorities at Harbin have been endeavouring to resume traffic on the southern section of the railway, but unsuccessfully. In this respect, certain Soviet employees on the railway are alleged to be obstructing the Chinese, and it is expected they will be arrested as well as the other prominent Soviet representatives.

The Soviet secretary of the railway is freely quoted as saying that if the Chinese do not comply with the Moscow ultimatum within the specified time, Red troops will be brought into the zone to take over control of the railway.

A private telegram from Harbin asserts that the Chinese are closing the frontier at Pogranitchnaya and Manchuli in order to prevent the passage of Red troops.

Raid On Harbin Consulate.

Another important incident is reported to have occurred at Harbin on Friday night, when the Chinese authorities surrounded the Soviet Consulate General and removed a quantity of arms and documents.

Russian Directors' Protest.

Later. Further details show that M. Ivanoff, prior to being arrested at his residence on January 22, broadcast an instruction to the effect that the orders of the Chinese military authorities must not be obeyed. The explanation given by the Chinese authorities was that M. Ivanoff thrice disobeyed the orders of Chang Huan-shiang, the railway zone tapan.

Following M. Ivanoff's arrest, his Russian assistant, Eisemont, announced that he had assumed charge of the railway. Chang Huan-shiang requested the Chinese chairman of directors to convene a meeting of the board in order to dismiss Ivanoff and appoint Eisemont and Kuo Tsung-hsi as joint managers, with authority to sign documents. When the meeting was held the Russian directors demanded M. Ivanoff's release and left the meeting, refusing to discuss anything else.

Business at Harbin is at a standstill, and it is stated that much apprehension is felt amongst the Russian population. —*Reuter*.

CUTTING AND WOUNDING.

SERIOUS ASSAULT MADE ON CHINESE.

The order recently issued by the Governor in Council permitting the release of a prisoner after serving part of his sentence on payment of a fine in proportion to the unexpired term of imprisonment, was used at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, when a Chinese, who was arrested on January 7, on a charge of cutting and wounding a fellow Chinese with a chopper, was sentenced to one month's imprisonment dating from the day of his apprehension.

Mr. J. M. Remedios represented the defendant.

The prosecution alleged that whilst the complainant was loading cargo on a boat at Mongkok, he accidentally knocked against a man who was walking along the quay with the defendant. Turning upon the complainant, the man in question began to assault him and the two were separated by a third party, who advised the complainant to pay compensation to the man whom he was alleged to have assaulted. Not having the sum demanded, the complainant paid part of the money. On several occasions he met the man, who again demanded the money, and on January 7, he saw the defendant with a party of others at a tea-house. On refusing to pay the amount demanded, the defendant struck him with a chopper, inflicting severe injuries to his head.

A Wei-hai-wei constable, who was attracted to the scene by the commotion, stated in evidence that he arrested the defendant with a chopper in his hands.

The defence was a complete denial of the charge and a claim that the money which the defendant demanded from the complainant was a gambling debt.

The defendant was fined \$50 or one month's hard labour in default, sentence to date from January 7. Having served 19 days, he must pay \$18 or remain in gaol for the rest of his month.

RAID ON SILK STORE.

BURGLARS' HAUL OF SILK AND JEWELS.

A robbery recalling the series of store-burglaries carried out about a year ago, was discovered yesterday morning, when the manager of the Popular Silk Store, in China Building, opened his premises and found the place had been rifled during the previous night and goods to the value of about \$14,000 removed.

The store, which is a new branch of Messrs. D. Chellaram, of Queen's Road Central, is situated in Peddar Street, and comes within the restricted area in which the previous raids were carried out. The premises had been left open until after nine o'clock on Sunday night, in order to cope with the tourist purchasers from the s.s. *Belgenland*, and the property lost consists largely of goods specially on display.

The thieves (there was evidently more than one person in the affair) had apparently stayed some time, as they had selected such items as appeared worth while, but they got away without rousing the least suspicion of the Indian watchman who was outside.

A careful selection was made of silks, jades, and gold jewellery, the more expensive articles being taken and considerable material left behind.

Entry into the shop was discovered to have been by way of the floor above, where a hole had been made, leading into the attic of the store, and here a pole had been used as a means of sliding down to the attic floor. From

DISARMAMENT.

FRANCO-BRITISH CONFERENCE.

Paris, Jan. 25. The *Matin* understands that the main item of the next talk between M. Briand and Sir Austen Chamberlain will likely be the postponement of the preliminary disarmament conference.

The French Government is endeavouring to bring about a diplomatic rapprochement between Russia and Switzerland. —*Havas*.

At this point the burglars were able to range through the premises. Their selection was approximately \$9,000 worth of silk and about \$5,000 of jade and gold jewellery. Goods which they had fingered but rejected amounted to some \$3,000 in value.

ARMED ROBBERIES.

WEEK-END ATTACKS ON WOMEN.

The following reports of armed robbery, have been made to the police.

An old man, sleeping with a young boy at 4, Wong Nei Tan Village, Ping Shan district, was awakened about three o'clock on Sunday morning by five men entering the house. Three entered the room carrying iron bars, while the other two were armed with daggers. The robbers told the occupants to keep quiet, and proceeded to ransack the house.

They stole money to the value of \$600, and a raincoat valued at \$8. The old man struggled with one of the robbers, and received a cut on the head from a dagger.

Armed Robbery With Violence. A married woman living at 3, Kwong Fung Lane, in a village in the New Territories, together with her daughter, was aroused on Sunday morning by four men entering the house.

One of the men carried a parcel which was later found to contain two bundles of fire crackers. One produced a dagger and threatened the woman, the others ransacking the house.

They stole a pair of gold bangles, valued at \$100, and another pair worth \$30, in addition to other articles, carrying off booty to the extent of \$250.

While the robbers were in the house a hair-dresser came up the stairs. The woman called out and was stabbed in the head. The hair-dresser was dragged into the room, and the robbers, after making a further search, left the house. The wound inflicted on the woman was not a serious one.

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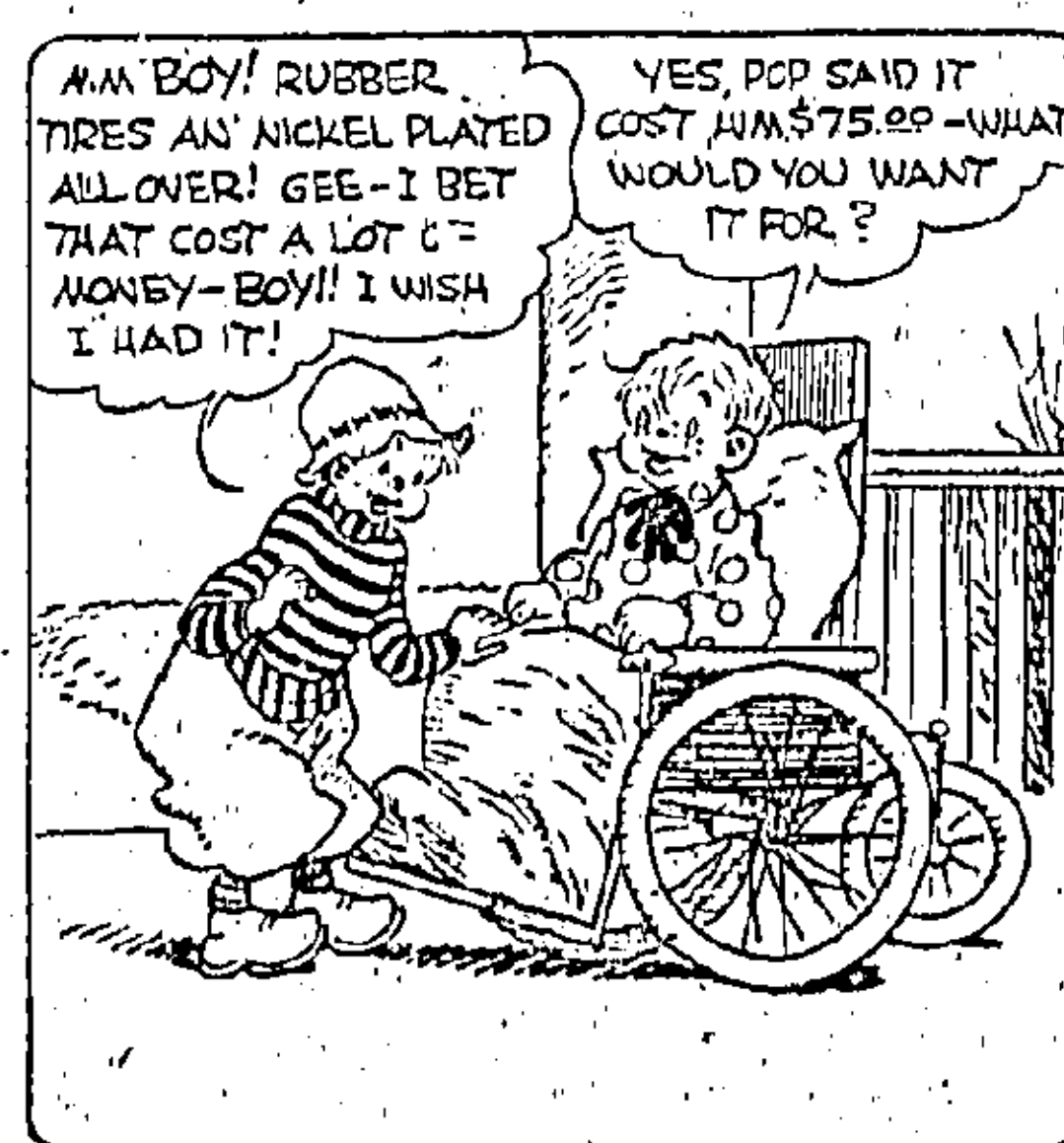
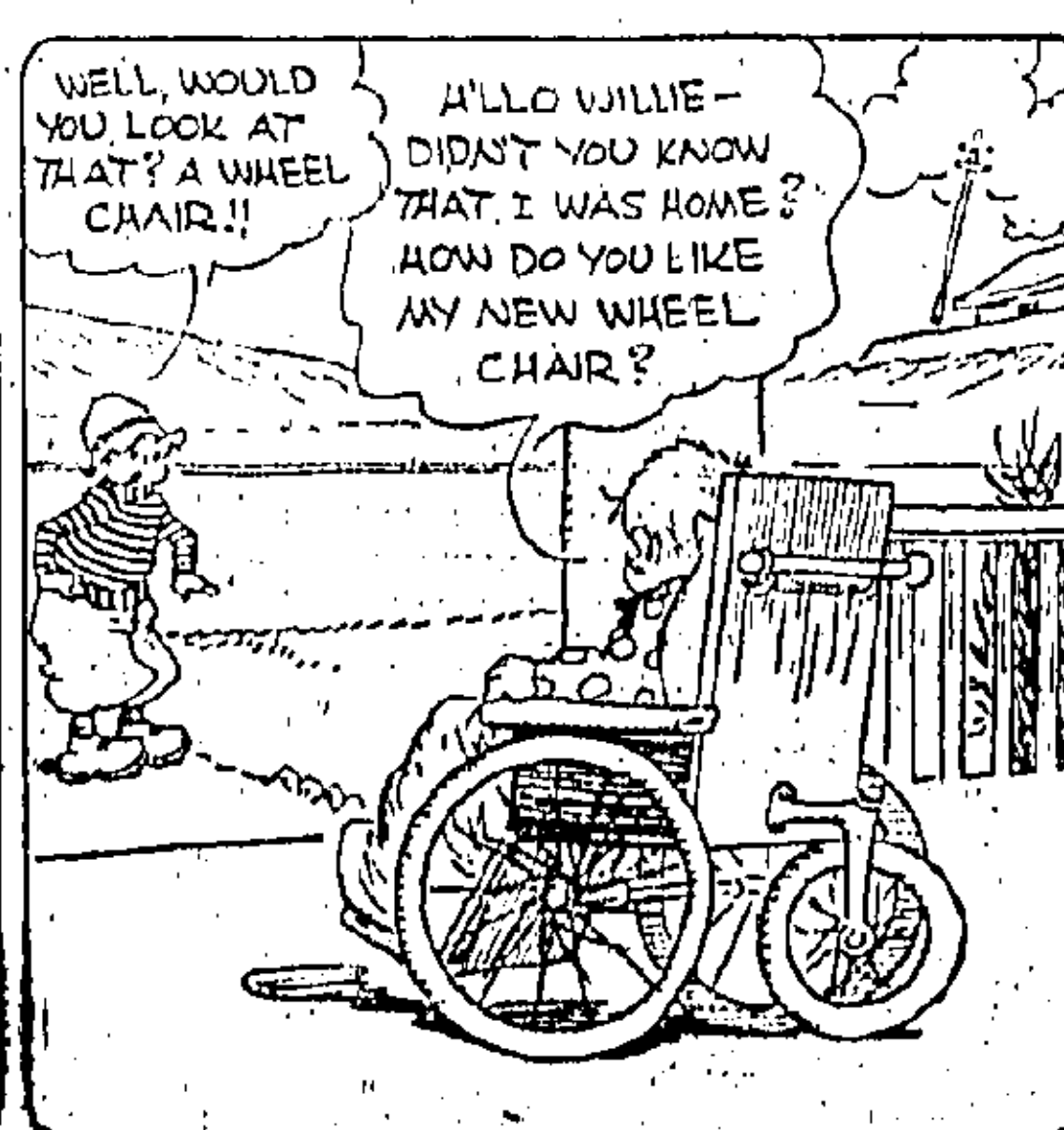
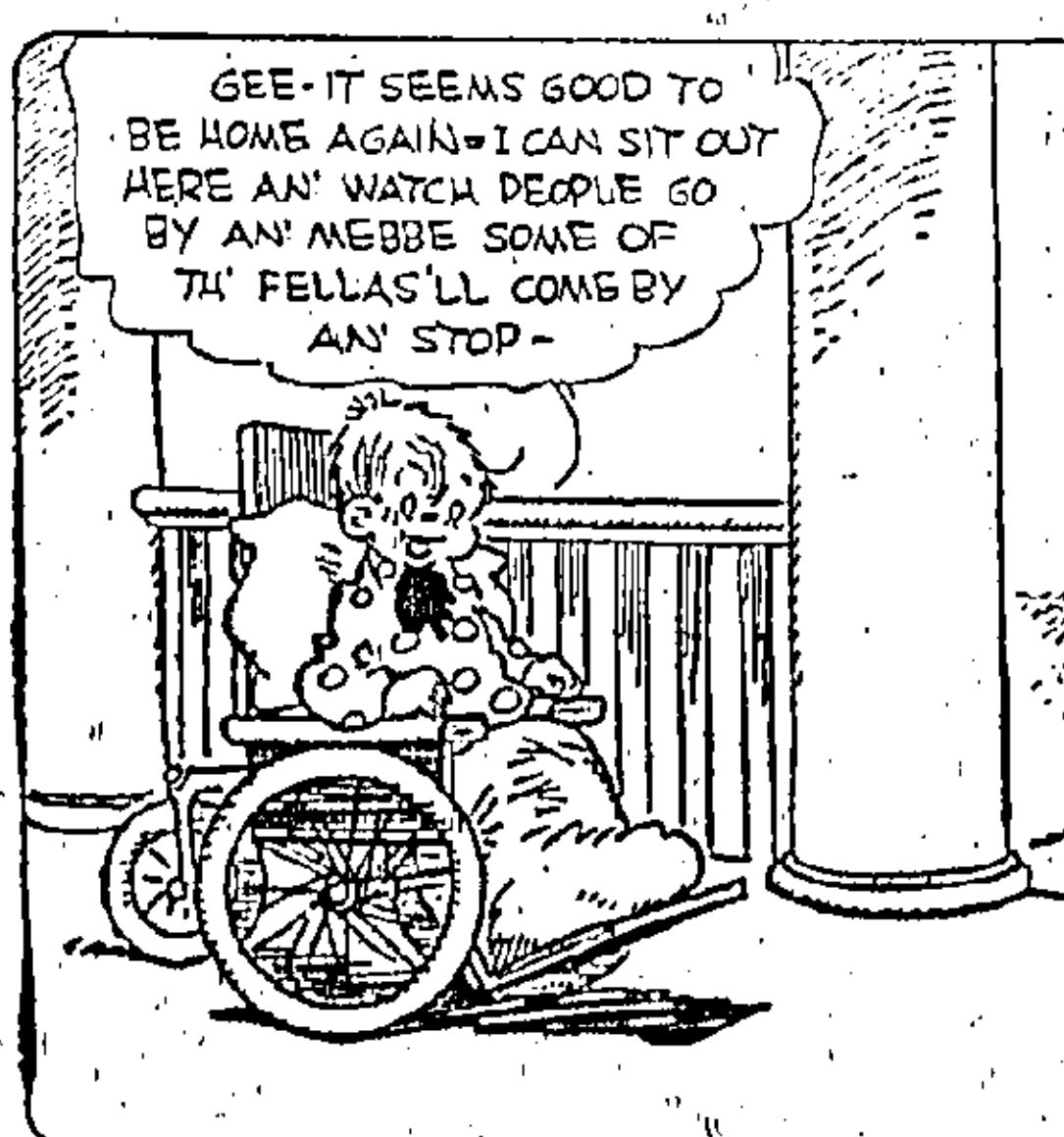
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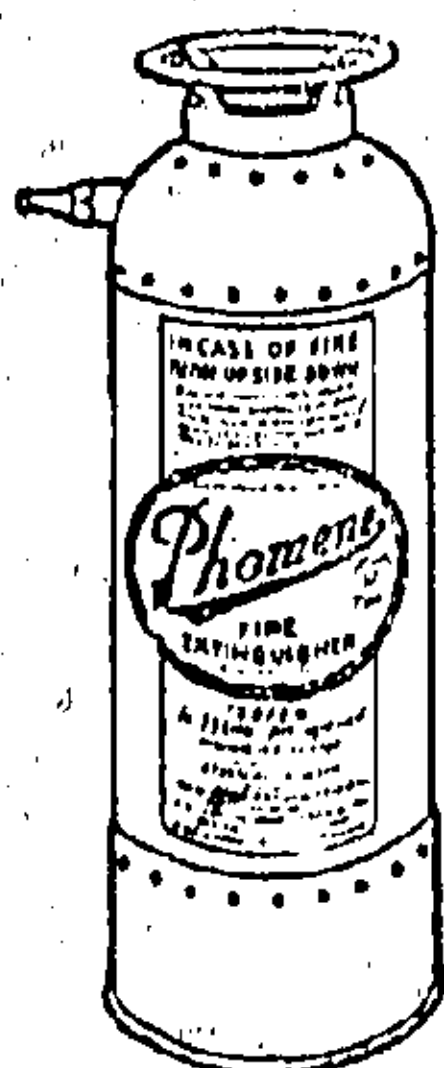
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TUESDAY, JAN. 26, 1926.

THE RUSSIAN WAY.

The critical situation which
 has arisen between Russia and
 China by reason of the dispute
 over the management of the
 Chinese Eastern Railway is
 interesting as showing that even
 the Soviet, despite its professions
 of extreme friendliness toward
 China, is not averse to issuing
 threats of armed intervention in
 cases where it is considered that
 Russian interests are placed in
 jeopardy. It will be remembered
 that last year the U. S. S. R.
 entered into an agreement with
 Chang Tso-lin by which equal
 control of the railway by Chinese
 and Russians was reaffirmed, but
 recent events have shown that
 the latter have acquired a
 dominating position which, in the
 opinion of one commentator,
 amounts to a complete breach of
 that agreement. Be that as it
 may, we have heard much of
 late from Russian spokesmen on
 China's right to absolute control
 of affairs within her own
 territory, it being freely stated,
 as the *Daily Telegraph* remarks,
 that any understanding imposing
 limits thereon might be treated
 as a scrap of paper. In face of
 utterances such as these, what
 will the extreme Nationalists in
 China say to the ultimatum
 issued by Mr. Karakhan? It is
 true that in the event of China
 not complying with the demands
 put forward, the Soviet asks to be
 "allowed" to secure fulfilment of
 the railway agreement and to
 protect the interests of Russia
 and China on the railway "by its
 own means." But this can surely
 be regarded only as a polite way
 of saying that if China does not
 toe the line, Russia will force her
 to do so.

The whole dispute, as is known,
 has arisen over the question of
 whether Chinese troops or rail-
 way guards moving over the line
 should be required to pay fares.
 A small and relatively un-
 important matter this would ap-
 pear to be, but the suggestion has
 been put forward by a Northern
 paper—and there may be some-
 thing in it—that the Soviet is
 merely utilising this as an excuse
 to secure de facto possession of
 the railway, taking advantage of
 the apparent weakening of Chang
 Tso-lin as the result of the recent
 military operation. Whether

that is the case or not, the plain
 fact remains that the Soviet is
 displaying a determination to
 safeguard what she claims to be
 her special rights in Manchuria
 —a circumstance which is in
 curious contrast to Russia's de-
 clarations that she has no
 ambitions to control territory
 outside the limits of the Soviet
 Republic. From this it would
 appear that so long as no in-
 cidents occur to involve the two
 countries in disputes, Russia will
 continue to pose as the only
 nation treating China on a foot-
 ing of equality, but that immedi-
 ately there is an opportunity to
 "get her foot in," she is quite
 prepared to be as domineering
 and dictatorial as the most "Im-
 perialistic" of the Powers.

An Education Question.

There has been a tremendous
 amount of agitation and argument
 in England during the past few
 weeks regarding the matter of
 national provision for elementary
 education, and the result is that
 the Board of Education has offi-
 cially withdrawn the offending
 Circular it issued to local educa-
 tional authorities. An immense
 hubbub followed the publication
 of the circular and in a few
 days it became evident that the
 three parties most closely con-
 cerned—teachers, parents and
 officials—were united in opposi-
 tion to what they regarded as a
 plot devised against their respec-
 tive interests. The Circular in
 question proposed the substitution
 of what is known as a block grant
 for the present percentage grant
 and that in future, or at all
 events for the next three years,
 the block grant should be 99 per
 cent. of the percentage grant paid
 this year. In other words, a
 three-year economy was mooted.
 When the matter came to be
 debated in the House of Commons,
 Lord Eustace Percy, the Minister
 of Education, made no effort to
 defend his formula. The official
 statement, published later, with-
 drawing the Circular, stated, in
 effect, that any change in the
 grant system is postponed for
 twelve months, during which time
 the local authorities throughout
 the country will revise their
 estimates with a view to economy,
 and will consult with the Board
 as to the best form of the block
 grant which is to date from April
 1st, 1927. The Circular is dead,
 but the ideas of economy which
 underlie it are left to be thought
 over for a further year. There
 are many ardent education ex-
 perts who claim that the block
 grant is a better form than the
 percentage one and that the
 system ought to be put into
 practice. But the great question
 of elementary education must be
 taken out of the realm of party
 politics because continuity of
 policy is essential to the working
 of any educational scheme. It
 was on the latter point, around
 which all the fuss and bother
 centred.

BOXER INDEMNITY
MISSION.

A FAREWELL LUNCHEON

London, Jan. 25.

The Chinese Minister, at a fare-
 well luncheon to Dame Anderson
 and Professor Soothill, said that
 public opinion in China would sup-
 port any decision reached by the
 mission, whose work was bound to
 improve Anglo-Chinese relations.—
Reuter.

EXCHANGE RATES.

To-day's exchange rates are:—
 Rugby, Jan. 25.

Paris	131
Brussels	107
Amsterdam	12 1/2
Berlin	20 3/4
Copenhagen	19 5/8
Vienna	34 5/8
Helsingfors	103
Lisbon	2
Buenos Aires	37 1/2
Yokohama	11 1/2
New York	48 5/8
Geneva	100 5/8
Milan	18 1/2
Stockholm	23 3/4
Oslo	104
Prague	34 3/4
Madrid	7 3/4
Rio	1/2
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—*British Wireless.*

DAY BY DAY.

HE WHO SEEKS HAPPINESS BY
 CHANGING ANYTHING BUT HIS
 OWN DISPOSITION WILL WASTE
 HIS LIFE IN FRUITLESS EFFORTS.
 —*Johnson.*

The weather forecast for to-
 morrow is:—N.E. winds, fresh,
 fair.

The temperature at Shanghai
 at six o'clock this morning was
 25°. In Hongkong, it was 57°.

Those intending to take part in
 the H.K.C.C. tennis tournament
 are reminded that entries close
 on the 30th instant.

His Excellency the Governor
 and Lady Clement are giving a
 garden party at Government
 House this afternoon.

There will be an auction of
 papers at the Helena May In-
 stitute on Thursday, January 28,
 at 3 p.m. before the Musicals.—
Advt.

Useful diaries have been issued
 by Messrs. Oscar E. Ribeiro &
 Co. on behalf of Messrs. Eborhard
 & Co., chronometer manufac-
 turers.

The failure of the electric light
 threw the Peak district into dark-
 ness for nearly an hour last night,
 but eventually the defect was
 remedied.

The *Yellow Dragon* (Queen's
 College magazine) for January is
 an extremely interesting number,
 containing besides articles on
 various subjects much matter
 relating to College activity.

An Indian constable was
 charged with malingering, before
 Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central
 Magistracy this morning. He
 pleaded that he was sick, and was
 remanded for medical examina-
 tion.

The mock trial to which refer-
 ence was made in these
 columns a few days ago is taking
 place on the 25th instant at St.
 Andrew's Church Hall, and not,
 as stated, at the Y.M.C.A. build-
 ing. It is being arranged by mem-
 bers of the St. Andrew's Young
 Men's Club.

It is reported that another
 robbery on the No. 3 down train
 from Shiu Kwan to Canton took
 place at about 4 o'clock in the
 afternoon of the 23rd instant, at
 a place near Ngan Chan Wan.
 During the affray one military
 officer was killed and several
 passengers wounded.

In regard to the interview on
 the use of toy pistols in armed
 robberies, reported in yesterday's
 issue, it is pointed out that the
 figure of 70 per cent. represent-
 ing the percentage of the use of
 genuine pistols and revolvers, and
 not, as reported, the percentage
 in use of "dummies."

The Special Court for the trial
 of those arrested under suspicion
 of being concerned with the as-
 sassination of the late Lui Chong-
 hoi has opened its first session in
 Canton, with Judge Loo Hing-
 yuen as Chairman of the Judicial
 Committee. Six of the arrested
 persons appeared for trial, namely
 Moy Kwong-pui, Kwok Mun-
 hai, Lum Chik-min, Chiu See-
 wai, Leung Pok and Lum Sing.

The strike of 4,600 operatives
 at Messrs. Jardine, Matheson's
 Yangtsepo cotton mill at Shang-
 hai has been settled. The workers
 have agreed to resume, it is un-
 derstood, on the assurance that
 the relatives of the man who was
 falsely alleged to have died as
 the result of injuries sustained
 when assaulted by one of the
 Company's watchmen, receives
 compensation, and that in future
 workmen are to be protected from
 any such assaults.

STAR THEATRE

COMING ATTRACTION.

"The Globe Trotters," under
 the direction of Mr. Dick Norton,
 are to open at the Star Theatre,
 Kowloon, on Tuesday, 3rd
 February.

Mr. Norton and his company
 passed through Hongkong in
 February last with an A.I. show,
 but on this occasion he is bring-
 ing out an entirely new party
 of artists. The Company has al-
 ready been booked for Shanghai,
 so that the season here will be a
 brief one. Booking is open at
 Moutrie's, the prices \$3, \$2, and
 \$1.

CHINESE HEAD
MISTRESS' SUICIDE.

DIFFICULTIES OF THE
"NEW WOMAN."

A sensation has been caused
 in Chaochowfu (says the Swatow
 correspondent of the *N. C. Daily*
News) by the suicide of the head
 mistress of the chief girls' school
 in the city. Her predecessor held
 the office since the starting of the
 school some ten years ago until
 about a month ago, when she was
 compelled to withdraw. The new
 head had only held office for some
 three weeks when she took her
 life. The letter which she left
 behind shows that the old Chinese
 method of making this last protest
 against injustice still lives on,
 and throws light on aims and
 aspirations of the new woman in
 China to-day. I give the follow-
 ing translation.

Dedicated to Service.

"I am a woman determined to
 remain a virgin, and normally
 should have bided quiet in a hum-
 ble home, of one simple way of
 life till death, had not my mind
 dwelt on the flood-tide of the
 student movement in this our
 generation and on the fact that
 my sisters are fighting with all
 their energy in their desire for
 Reform. I was really willing to
 wait quiet till death, but when I
 thought that in my barren state
 I might hope for happiness along
 one line of endeavour, I deter-
 mined not to shirk 'laborious days,'
 and left my home to study first at
 Chi-mei (near Amoy), and then
 at Shanghai and Nanking. On
 graduation I returned and intend-
 ed to continue my education at a
 normal school in Peking but my
 friends detained me to take charge
 of the second grade municipal
 school in Swatow. I leave to the
 judgment of the community the
 success or otherwise of my work
 there; but in the 11th month I re-
 ceived from the District Magis-
 trate, Mr. Liu, the appointment to
 the Principalship of the Girls'
 Higher Primary school for the
 District. I knew that the accumu-
 lated abuses in the School went
 very deep, and that it would not
 be easy to set it to rights; more-
 over the Principal (Mrs. Zia) was
 maintaining a position of great
 obstinacy which would inevitably
 have a reaction on me. So I did
 not want to take up the appoint-
 ment, but suddenly there re-
 turned to my mind the considera-
 tion of using all one's strength to
 strive on behalf of human life, as
 well as that of serving my native
 place: how then could I decline?
 So I took my courage in my hands
 and accepted the appointment.

Malicious Accusations.

"Who would have thought I
 really could not carry out what I
 had proposed? The niece of ex-
 principal Zia with two or three
 other teachers aroused the pupils
 not to attend class, and in every
 respect set themselves against me,
 saying one thing one minute, and
 one another: so that although in-
 fluence was brought to bear on
 the pupils from various quarters
 yet still not half of them went to
 class. For on one hand the
 teachers Zia and her party took
 strong measures to keep the pupils
 away from the school, and on the
 other by the help of men who had
 influence put malicious accusations
 against me into the executive de-
 partment of the government. Also
 how could I, vowed to remain un-
 married, endure these accusations?
 My motives were to plan for the
 emancipation of women and to do
 my duty to my native place: who
 could have imagined this evil re-
 sult? As I think over it at mid-
 night, my brain in a whirl, I am
 at the end determined to die, and so
 accord with my purpose at the be-
 ginning of my career. Alas! Oh
 Heaven, I call on Thee! My life
 now is brought to a close.

"Clear My Name."

"My earnest desire is that after
 my death the educational authori-
 ties and my beloved women friends
 and sisters will clear my name,
 and in this matter of the reforma-
 tion of the school not allow a small
 and unrighteous section to throw it
 into confusion and place hindrances
 in the way of young womanhood.
 Alas! it is good-bye to you my
 comrades! As I write to this point
 my tears fall and my blood dries
 in my veins. In 24 hours I shall
 enter the kingdom of bliss. Alas!
 farewell, my comrades! Press on
 the future! I, Huang Sui-ying, pen
 this my last letter. Midnight,
 January 10.

Paris, Jan. 25.
 The Minister of Public Instruc-
 tion has issued a draft Bill making
 education as obligatory as military
 duty, under pain of severe penal-
 ties.—*Indopacit.*

SAMPAN WRECKED.

SEQUEL TO BUSINESS
SCRAMBLE.

It is a recognised practice
 amongst pig dealers to pay coolies
 an extra thirty cents for every pig
 brought on the first sampan to
 arrive ashore after the steamer
 bringing the pigs from the South
 has anchored, and it was this
 practice that led to the wrecking
 of a sampan and the narrow es-
 cape of several persons on Sun-
 day evening.

The B. & S. s.s. Chin Hua, from
 Hoihow, was steaming slowly past
 Green Island at about ten
 o'clock on Sunday evening when
 two sampans, said to have hitherto
 been carrying no lights, suddenly
 exhibited flares, one of them try-
 ing to throw a line to the side of
 the vessel. The second sampan
 got into the wind and was carried
 into the stern of the steamer,
 being completely wrecked and the
 occupants thrown into the water.

A ship's boat was lowered and
 after the second officer had satis-
 fied himself that all the crew
 had been picked up by the other
 sampan, he returned.

The sampan coolies evidently
 thought that the vessel, coming
 at it did from Hoihow, had pigs
 on board, but apparently this was
 not the case.

The vernacular papers this
 morning state that one or two of
 the folk lost their lives in the
 collision, but this would seem to
 be untrue.

SNATCHER CAUGHT.

IMPRISONMENT AND BIRCH.

As an amah, who said she was
 employed at 59, Caine Road, was
 taking her master's daughter to
 school, at 8.10 this morning, a
 Chinese came behind and snatch-
 ed a pair of gold and jade ear-
 rings from her. She shouted
 "Thief!" and, turning round,
 chased the man, who was running
 away. He was caught by a
 Chinese constable.

At the Central Police Court this
 morning, before Major Wilson,
 the Chinese was charged with the
 theft of the ear-rings, which he
 denied.

The constable said he chased
 the defendant down Coronation
 Terrace, and caught him near
 Staunton Street. On searching
 him, he found the ear-rings in his
 jacket pocket.

The defendant said he picked
 the ear-rings up, and was going
 to give them back to the owner,
 when she shouted "Thief!", and he
 ran away.

Accused was sent to prison for
 seven months with hard labour,
 and was ordered to receive twelve
 strokes with the birch.

MORTGAGED HOUSE.

ACTION IN SUPREME COURT.

A house, which, mortgaged for
 \$25,000, realised only \$15,000 at an
 auction sale, was mentioned in the
 course of an *ex parte* action be-
 fore Sir Henry Gollan at the Su-
 preme Court this morning when
 Ng-Po sued Ip Chu for \$11,119.60.

Mr. Elsieley Zeitlyn, instructed by
 Messrs. Woo and Nash, appeared
 for the plaintiff, and he stated that
 the claim arose out of a mortgage
 deed which was entered into be-
 tween plaintiff and defendant in
 respect of No. 26, Elgin Street.
 Plaintiff loaned Ip Chu \$25,000 at a
 rate of \$10 per \$1,000 per month.
 The loan was for six months and
 could be called in after that period
 by giving a month's notice.

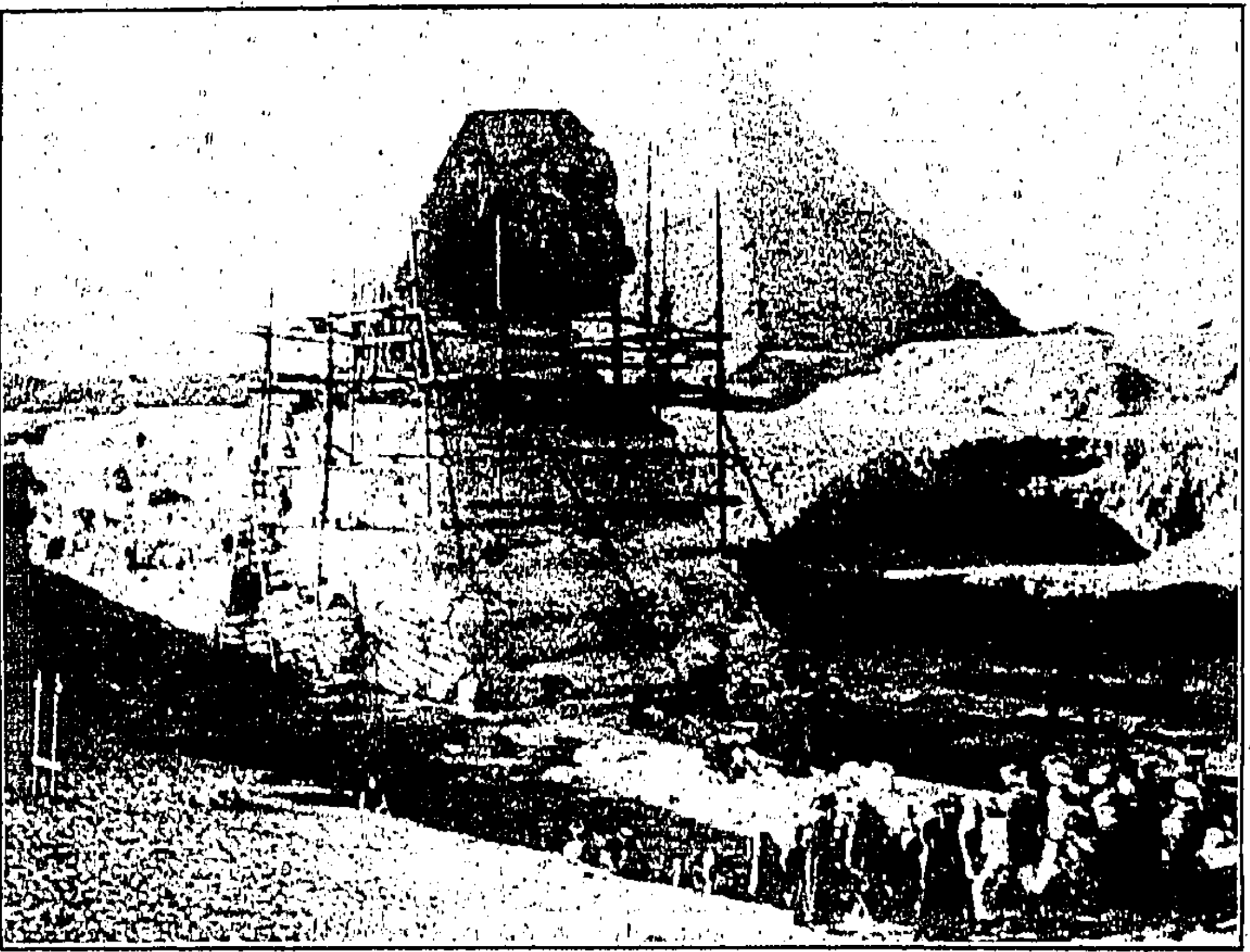
On May 18th last year, notice
 was given that repayment of prin-
 cipal and interest would be ex-
 pected on June 28th, but no reply
 was received. A later notice gave
 a further month, with a further in-
 timation that the house would be
 sold in accordance with the mort-
 gage deed unless the money was
 forthcoming. The property was
 sold to the highest bidder on Au-
 gust 17th. It realised \$15,000.

The claim was for \$348.50 for
 disbursements, \$776 interest, and
 the \$10,000 short on the sale.
 Evidence was called to prove the
 notices requesting repayment, and
 his Lordship entered judgment for
 the plaintiff with costs.

THE LATEST PICTURES FROM HOME



A party of Red Indians from North America recently arrived in London to appear at the Olympia Circus. They naturally aroused much curiosity when appearing on the streets. Photo shows the chief with his family.



The Sphinx, one of the most famous of the architectural remains of Egypt's remote past, is here seen undergoing repairs.

DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE.

GERMANY ACCEPTS INVITATION.

Berlin, Jan. 25. The Cabinet has decided to accept the League of Nations' invitation to Germany to participate in the preliminary Disarmament Conference.—*Reuter*.

BRITAIN'S ATTITUDE.

Rugby, Jan. 25. Reports state that while passing through Paris on his return journey from Rapallo to London, Sir Austen Chamberlain will confer with the French Premier, M. Briand. It is assumed that the conversations will cover various outstanding questions, such as the German disarmament measures and the German request for a reduction of the occupation army.

The French newspapers are discussing the likelihood of the postponement of the preparatory conference on general disarmament which is scheduled to meet at Geneva under the auspices of the League of Nations on February 15. Although no wish for a postponement has been expressed by the British Government, who are in readiness to proceed with the conference it would doubtless agree if such a course appeared desirable.—*British Wireless*.

LONG DISTANCE FLIGHT.

Las Palmas, Jan. 25. The Spanish aviators, flying to South America have arrived at Gando, Canary Isles.—*Reuter*.

Exchequer, but the outcome could not be other than a fair and mutual recognition of their respective actual situations, illuminated by the 'traditional' friendship between the two countries.—*British Wireless*.

ANGLO-ITALIAN DEBT SETTLED.

AGREEMENT ON BROAD LINES.

London, Jan. 25. An agreement has been reached on broad lines for funding the Anglo-Italian Debt. The Drafting Committee meets to-morrow to settle the points of details.

Both sides are silent as regards the terms of the Anglo-Italian debt settlement. Count Volpi interviewed by *Reuter* admitted that there was agreement on fundamental points, but tactfully evaded the question whether the agreement was satisfactory to Italy, and also how it compared with the American Settlement. But, well-informed circles are of opinion that annuities of four-and-a-half millions sterling will begin to be paid immediately.—*Reuter*.

YESTERDAY'S GATHERINGS.

Rugby, Jan. 25. Mr. Winston Churchill, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Count Volpi, Italian Minister of Finance, accompanied by their respective experts, met this afternoon. An official communique states that they discussed all outstanding questions in regard to the settlement of the Italian War Debt.

A drafting committee will meet to-morrow morning and a further meeting of Ministers will take place in the afternoon. There is every confidence, says the communique, that an agreement will be reached. Count Volpi and other members of Italian Debt Funding Commission were entertained at luncheon at the Merchant Tailors' Hall, one of the ancient guilds of the City of London.

Lord Revelstoke, the well-known banker, proposing the health of Count Volpi, expressed the conviction that the negotiations on which His Excellency was engaged would result in the strengthening and cementing of the friendship and amity which for so many generations had united Great Britain and Italy.

Count Volpi, replying, said he could not tell what would be the conclusion of his conversations with the British Chancellor of the

FRENCH FINANCES.

THE LATEST DISCUSSIONS.

Paris, Jan. 25.

The report of M. Lamoureux, Reporter General of Finance, was circulated to-day. He estimates the expenses at 26 milliards 265 millions and the deficit at 4 milliards 209 millions, which will be covered by 4 milliards 370 millions of fresh revenue, leaving a surplus of 161 millions. The proposal of M. Doumer provides 4 milliards 300 millions for expenses, thanks to 200 millions from economies and fresh revenue of 8 milliards 800 millions to meet the deficit as well as reimbursements to the Banque de France and the Sinking Fund.

M. Caillaux, speaking on the financial situation at Le Mans at a meeting of 4,000 merchants and manufacturers, declared himself hostile to an increase of the Parliamentary indemnity, stating that the functionaries, big and small, should go first. He blames the vote of retrospective taxation proposed by M. Loucheur, and declared that suppression or diminution on the tax on commercial transactions is an impossibility in the present state of finance. He demanded equality of sacrifices between agriculturists, merchants and manufacturers so that no animosity was created between the classes.

At Clermont-Ferrand, M. Clementel, speaking at the general meeting of the Republican and Radical Socialist Federation on the projects of the Cartel and that of the Government, considered that each had its merits and that efforts at conciliation should be attempted.

At Tours, M. Chaumet, speaking at the Wine Fair on the subject of the financial situation, declared that agreement would be realised between the Government and the Chamber by a reciprocal effort.—*Indopacifi*.

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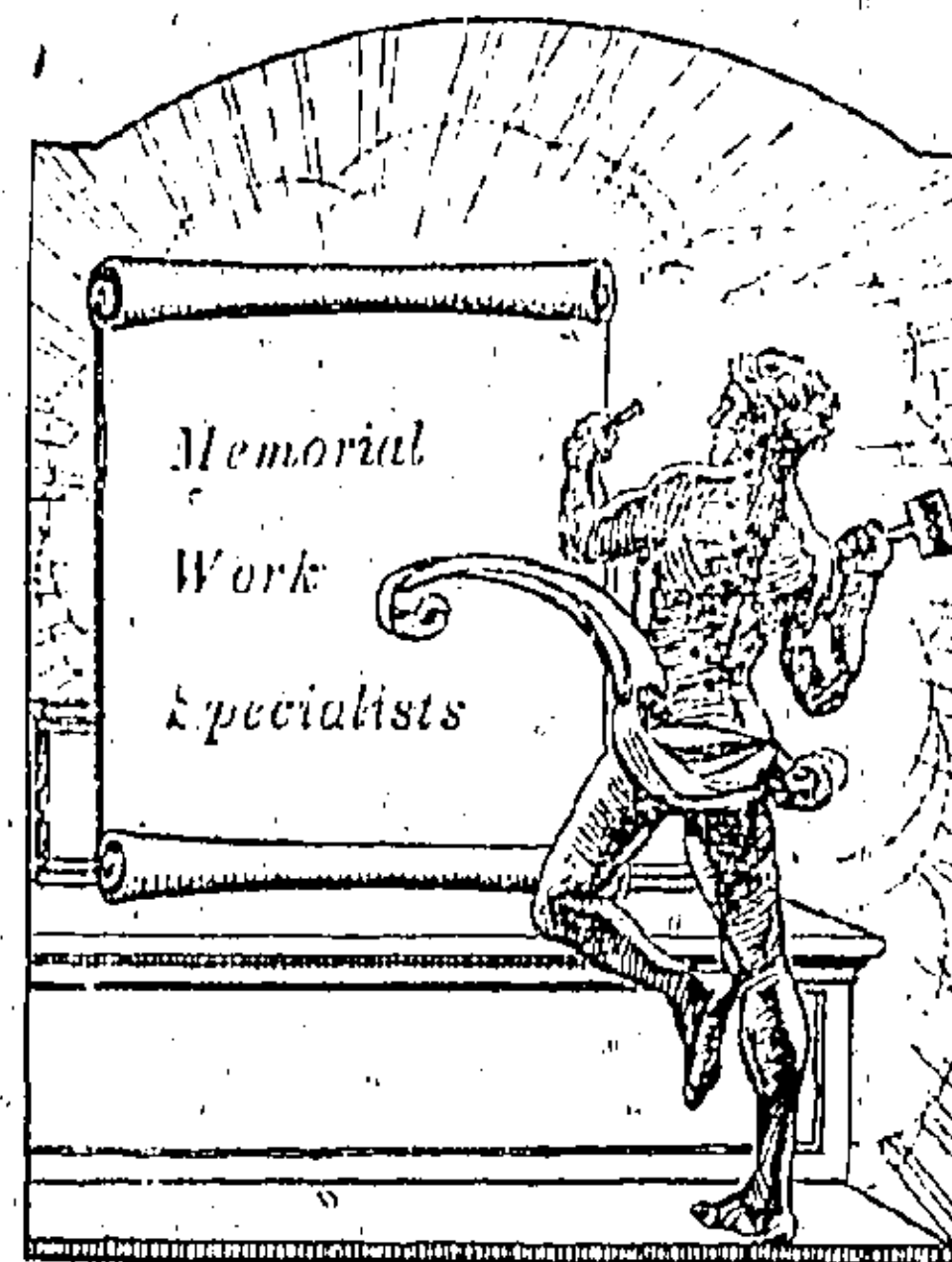
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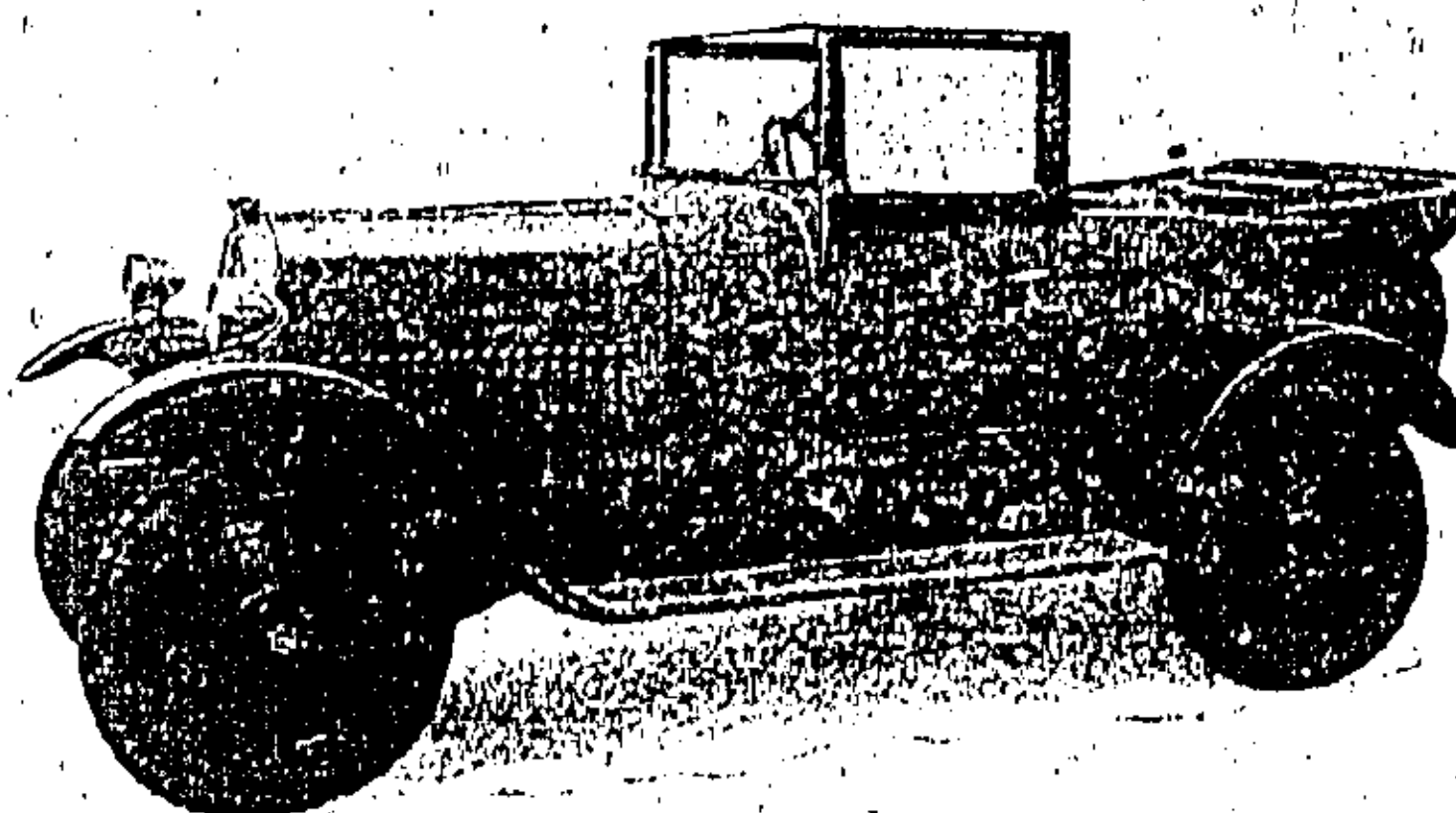
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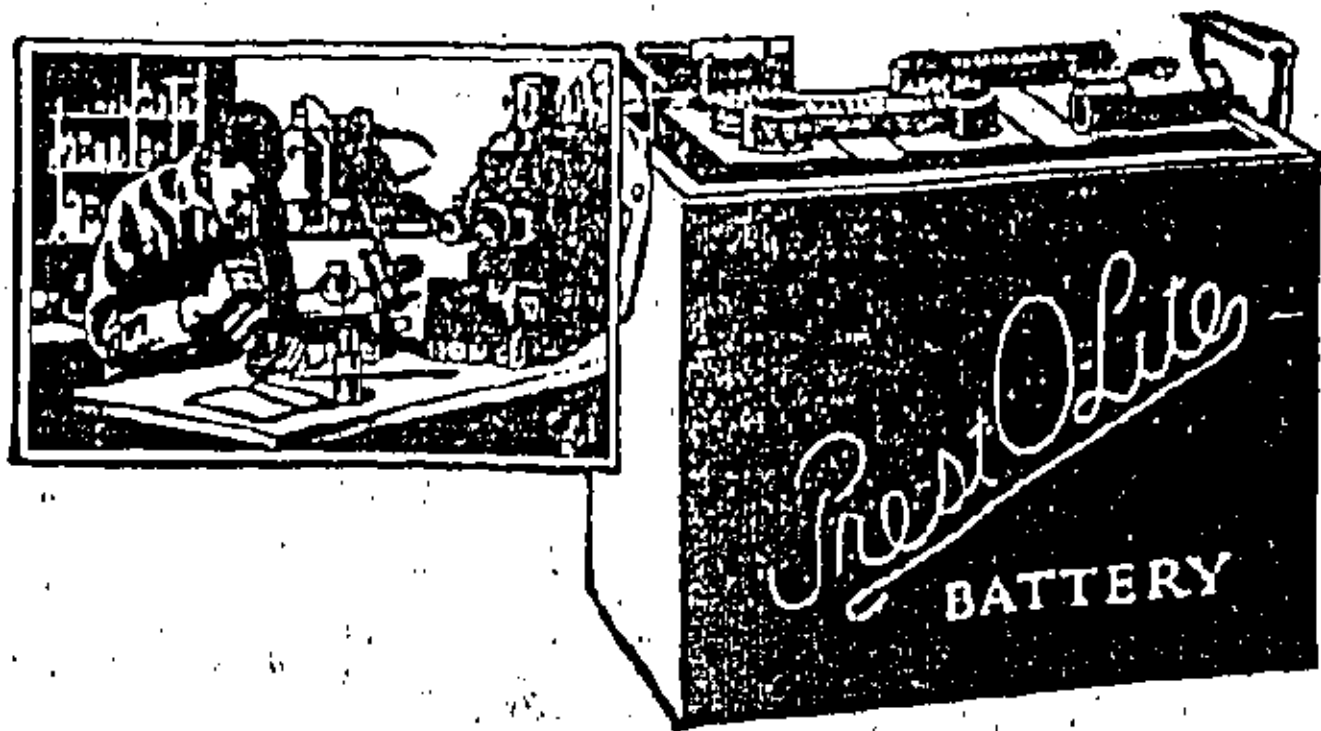
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FROM SHEFFIELD.

The Manchester Guardian's annual review of the cutlery trade says:—

A well-sustained demand for stainless steel table cutlery has been the outstanding feature of the Sheffield cutlery trade. The demand has fluctuated, but generally has been good throughout the year, both with home and Colonial markets. Australia has been a big buyer, and, so far as the home demand is concerned, the biggest buyers have been the London stores, which have developed still further their policy of buying direct from the small firms who formerly worked for the big cutlery manufacturers. This policy has tended to bring down prices severely, and in many cases quotations have fallen to the pre-war level.

There is still a little demand for shear steel of the old type for cutlery. Some of the leading shipping companies still prefer the non-stainless shear steel, and have placed some valuable orders during the year. Railway companies have bought fairly freely for their hotels and for the restaurant cars, an increase in the number of which has been of advantage to the bigger firms who specialise in railway and shipping requirements. The pen and pocket cutlery trades have had a poor year, and have done little business, although prices have been brought down. Solingen competes in this branch of trade, and this prompted the application under the Safeguarding of Industries Act. Manufacturers, however, feel that the proposed 33-1-3 per cent. duty will not help them very much.

There has been a little improvement in the trade in scissors and surgical instruments, but the demand is poor in relation to the facilities of production, and in this section also German scissors are freely sold by shopkeepers, who make much bigger profits from them than from the sale of Sheffield scissors.

The old type of razor is in poor request, and many of the old razor makers are out of employment. The busiest firm of razor manufacturers throughout the year has been one that has developed a scheme of direct trading with the public. Makers of safety razor wafer blades have been busy. The trade is not a big one at present, but is being developed, so that it will be possible to compete with the American imported blade, which has a big vogue.

EX-CZAR'S DEATH.

FRESH LIGHT ON EXECUTION.

Fresh light is thrown on the execution of the former Emperor Nicholas and his family by the Ekaterinburg correspondent of the Krasnaya Gazeta of Leningrad.

The correspondent writes that the local Cheka and Soviet authorities at Ekaterinburg at first intended to try the dethroned monarch and his family before a special commission of which Leon Trotsky was to be the leading state prosecutor, but the imminent fall of the town to the Czechoslovakian troops made this inadvisable. The family therefore was executed in the half-underground house where they were interned.

Victims Not Informed.

It was decided not to inform the victims of their impending fate, says the correspondent, and when the clock struck twelve midnight they were ordered to get up and dress themselves, and go downstairs, it being alleged that White troops were about to bombard the house.

The former Czar, his wife, his son, and four daughters, as well as four members of his suite, then descended into the half-cellar, where the commandant of the house read the sentence to them, adding that there was absolutely no hope of saving them.

Tragic News Petrified Family. This tragic news petrified the condemned family, and the last words spoken by the ex-Czar are said to have been, "You will not bring us elsewhere?"

The correspondent also publishes a letter written by the former Emperor, and mentions that the house was often visited by nuns, who brought food, in which messages from Royalist Russians were frequently concealed.

SQUANDERED
FORTUNE.'VARSITY MAN EXILED TO
ITALY.

Having inherited £150,000 at the age of 21, Douglas Evelyn Kingsby Huntley, now a man of 40, associated with West-end crooks and card-sharps and squandered his fortune.

This, in brief, was the outline of his career given to the Westminster magistrate recently, when Huntley was charged with frauds on bookmakers.

He was educated at Harrow and Cambridge, said a detective, and had been led astray by evil companions.

To ten bookmakers he had given the name of an acquaintance, and in the early part of this year he adopted the name of a wealthy Bedford man, opening credit betting accounts. He received cheques when he won and defaulted when he lost.

Unstable Mind.

"His history is as sad as it is extraordinary," said Huntley's counsel. He had been the victim of people who had been living on him. He was a man of weak and unstable mind. His friends were now prepared to see that, with his wife, he left the country and had sufficient means.

A doctor said Huntley was of weak mentality. He had made two attempts on his own life, and prison would be a serious matter from a mental point of view.

The magistrate bound him over, making it a condition that he should leave the country within three months. Being an undischarged bankrupt, he had obtained credit by using other people's names.

Counsel said Huntley would go to Italy.

MAGNETIC CLUTCHES.

POWER TRANSMISSION
AT LOW SPEED.

The modern magnetic clutch provides a convenient and reliable means for engaging or disengaging machinery from its source of power; all that is necessary is to turn the electric current on or off from any convenient point. In place of the usual sliding members which are normally used to secure the engagement or disengagement of friction surfaces, one of the two members of the magnetic clutch is mounted on a spring steel plate. When the electro-magnet is energised by the closing of the circuit and the two parts of the clutch are drawn together the plate becomes slightly dished, and when the circuit is opened the spring plate flattens out instantly, drawing the two members of the clutch apart. With such construction there is no relative movement between the clutch parts.

A magnetic clutch can be controlled from any one of several points, and the clutch itself may be mounted high up near the ceiling or underneath or behind some machine, while the control switch is situated at any point convenient to the operator. The clutch may also be automatically controlled by means of the usual forms of float switches, speed governors, or pressure regulators.

The electro-magnet for each size of clutch exerts a definite number of pounds pull. This pull creates a certain pressure between the friction surfaces, and the horse-power which the

clutch will transmit at any particular speed is a fixed quantity. It is not possible to manipulate a magnetic clutch in such a way that it will lock or start with a jolt. When the circuit is closed the starting up of the machinery is gradual. Centrifugal force has no effect whatever on the force exerted between the two members of the clutch, and, on account of this, it may be used at very high speeds.

Magnetic clutches found their widest application in rubber mills, for the reason that in the rubber industry there is a large demand for robust, dependable clutches susceptible of remote control, but they have since been introduced into other industries for various types of drive. In the case of an explosives factory, for instance, 75 clutches were installed for use in connection with nitrating machines. These rotary machines have a stirring mechanism to cause complete saturation of the cotton or cellulose with nitric acid. It is important that these machines be accelerated slowly, or the friction caused by slippage of the stirring mechanism on the contents of the vat may create enough heat to bring about an explosion. By the use of magnetic clutches, in combination with a two-speed gear train, this danger has been entirely obviated, and, partly owing to the facility of remote control, it was found that the device was handled by the operators with great convenience and consequently with considerable speed.

It may be said that the magnetic clutch finds its widest field in those lines of service where a highly reliable clutch is required for the transmission of consider-

MARRIED TEACHERS
FAIL.TEST ACTION AGAINST
DISMISSAL.

Three married women teachers dismissed by the East Ham local education authority lost the test action brought by them in the Chancery division.

It was admitted by the corporation that they were efficient teachers and had performed their duties in a satisfactory manner.

Mr. Justice Lawrence held that the contract of service gave the corporation an unconditional right to terminate the engagements at one month's notice. It was not suggested that the corporation acted corruptly or in bad faith.

It would be entirely wrong to hold that the adoption of the policy of superseding married women by unemployed single teachers was so alien to the discharge of the educational duties of the authority as to invalidate the steps taken to carry out that policy.

The action must be dismissed, with costs.

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DELTA	8,097	15th April M'les, L'don & Antwerp
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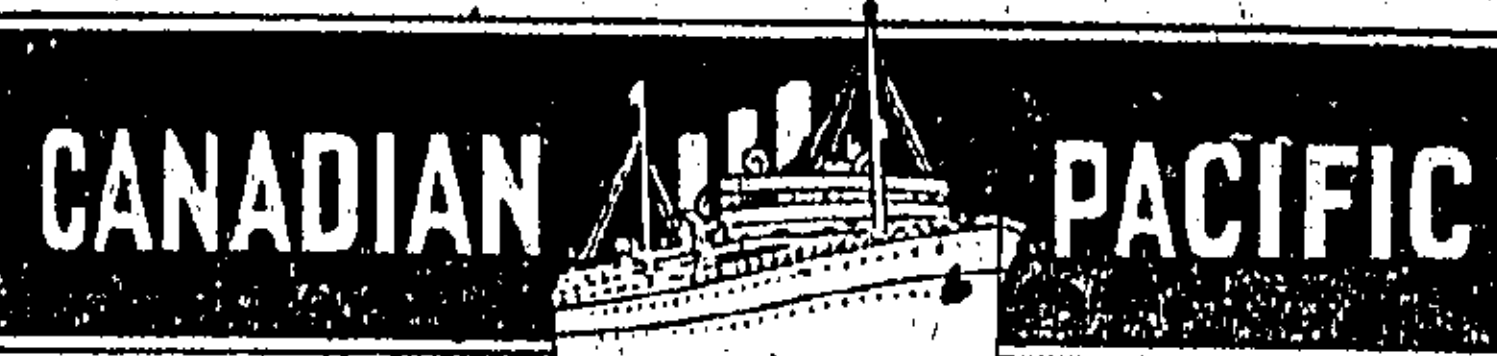
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From	Per	Date
Shanghai	Sochow	January 26.
Singapore	Suwa Maru	January 27.
Australia and Manila	Changto	January 27.
Japan	Atsuta Maru	January 29.
Europe via Negapatam (letters only, London 31st Dec. 1925.)	Fulda	January 29.
Manila	Pres. Cleveland	January 29.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Jackson	January 31.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Adams	February 1.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Siberia Maru	February 1.
Australia and Manila	Tanda	February 5.

OUTWARD MAILS.

To	Per	Date
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (Letters and postcards specially inscribed "Via Siberia" only)	Tjikembang	Tues. Jan. 26, 3.30 p.m.
Singapore	Chusun	Wed. Jan. 27, 9.30 a.m.
Shanghai	Yusung	Wed. Jan. 27, 10 a.m.
Singapore and Amoy	Van Overstraten	Wed. Jan. 27, 10 a.m.
Japan	Phuketotsu	Wed. Jan. 27, 10.30 a.m.
Singapore and Calcutta	Fooksang	Wed. Jan. 27, Parcels Noon. Letters 1 p.m.
Manila	West Cofote	Wed. Jan. 27, 1 p.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Suwa Maru	Wed. Jan. 27, 3.30 p.m.
Port Bayard	Sun Li	Wed. Jan. 27, 5 p.m.
Shanghai	Yokohama Maru	Thurs. Jan. 28, 9.30 a.m.
Hai Phong	Ninghai Thun	Thurs. Jan. 28, 10.30 a.m.

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BURNS NIGHT.

HONGKONG SCOTSMEN
FOREGATHER.

Burns Night, the birthday an-
niversary of the Immortal Bard,
was celebrated in fitting manner
by Hongkong Scotsmen when
when over a hundred assembled
at the Hongkong Hotel to honour
his memory. Having partaken
of a dinner after their own heart,
the party were entertained by
some of his songs and "scraps of
his poetry."

The chair was taken by Dr.
G.D.R. Black, Chief of the
St. Andrew's Society, and the
toast "The Immortal Memory"
was proposed by Mr. W. Kay,
M.A., who tributed the poet and
suggested a knowledge of Burns
as a qualification of membership
of the St. Andrew's Society.

The guests were piped in by Mr.
G.S. Brown, who also did the
honours at the entrance of the
haggis.

Songs were rendered by Mr.
G. McLeod, Mr. K. McNaughton
and Mr. C. W. Blackley, and Mr.
A.S. Mill gave much appreciated
recitations from "scraps." Mr.
J. Bartholomew told some highly
amusing yarns, while a foursome
by four of Scotland's illustrious
sons was a further contribution
to a typical Burns Festival.

The Immortal Memory.

The Chairman proposed the
loyal toast, after which Mr. Kay
rose to propose the "Immortal
memory of Robert Burns." He
said: "In the first place allow me
to thank you for the great honour
you have conferred on me to-night,
an honour of which anyone, but
especially a Scot, is bound to be
proud. It is a distinction but
also a task, seeing that to say any-
thing new about Burns is almost
an impossibility. For instance,
just consider what is happening
to-night. Four or five hours ago
Scots in Fiji were probably cele-
brating the 1926 Burns celebrations.
These were followed by the many
Scots in New Zealand, Eastern Aus-
tralia, and Japan. British Scots
in Shanghai started along with us
and at the present moment those
in Malaya and the Dutch East
Indies will be assembling. From
there the Burns fiery cross will
speed by Rangoon and Mandalay
to many towns in India and be hailed
with joy wherever Scotsmen are
gathered together. While we are
sleeping off the effects of to-night's
potations and orations, tens of
thousands of Burns enthusiasts in
the Old Country and South Africa
will be celebrating this date and
when these are wending their way
home in the small hours almost
as many admirers in Canada and
the States will be taking up the
tale. Indeed, it may be truly said
that on January 25th the moon
never sets on Burns Supper.
Speeches about the poet and his
works are usually delivered at these
functions and as this has been
happening for very many years
now you will realise how little
remains to be said about the Ay-
shire bard. So, gentlemen, to-
night I shall rather ask the why
and wherefore of this universal
homage to Burns."

Scotland's Illustrious Sons.

Scotland has produced many dis-
tinguished men, yet their anniver-
saries pass by unheeded: England
and Ireland have scores of heroes
and poets, but neither the English
nor the Irish have a function cor-
responding to our Burns night.
Therefore it would appear that
these numerous Burns gatherings
all over the world are more than
a tribute to the man's genius and
intense sympathy. (Applause). To
me it seems that they are an ex-
pression of thanks. Let me ex-
plain. Among the illustrious sons
of Scotland two are venerated
above all others—Wallace and
Burns. The reason for this, gentle-
men, is because these two, on dif-
ferent occasions, saved her from
extinction. At the end of the
thirteenth century, when our coun-
try lay crushed and bleeding under
the iron heel of Edward I, Wallace
appeared, and at the cost of his
own life, resurrected his country.
What the patriot did then, the
poet may be said to have achieved
five hundred years later. At the
end of the eighteenth century
Scottish national life was prac-
tically non-existent; the country
was exhausted after a century of
political and religious strife; she
was in bad odour on account of
the two Jacobite rebellions which,
though abortive, had nevertheless
given John Bull a nasty fight; her
parliament was defunct; all sym-
bols of her royalty were gone; as
we can see by reading the works
of Johnson and Swift, Englishmen
despised Scotsmen; and if the truth

must be told, a great many Scots
were ashamed of their nationality.
The Tide of Scottish Nationalism.

Scotland had at that time some
gifted writers, such as Adam Smith,
David Hume, and Robertson, the
historian, authors of world-wide
repute, but these took the greatest
pains to write meticulously correct
English and dreaded nothing so
much as the mischance of a Scot-
tishism or a Scottish idiom creep-
ing into their writings. Just when
the Scottish dialect seemed in dan-
ger of perishing Burns appeared,
as if dropped from the clouds, to
render that dialect classical, to
show Scotland she still had a
soul,—(applause)—and to vindicate
his country's claim to recognition.

The publication of the now famous
Kilmarnock edition, for which the
poet received a paltry £20, gave
Scotland a pleasant shock and
Scotsmen a gaid conceit of them-
selves—a conceit which, I am
pleased to say, they have never
since lost. (Applause). From that
red-letter day in our history, June
1786, the Tide of Scottish national-
ism, then at a dangerously low
ebb, set in, and, gentlemen, it is
up to us to see that it does not
begin to recede in our day. As
Principal Shairp says: "No wonder
the peasantry of Scotland loved
Burns as perhaps people never
loved a poet. He interpreted
them to themselves and to others,
and this too in their own language
made music and glorified by gen-
tles. He made the poorest plough-
man proud of his station and of
his toil since Robbie Burns had
shared and sung them. In him the
Scottish people have seen an in-
personation of themselves on a
large scale. If Scotsmen of to-day
love and cherish their country
with a pride unknown to their an-
cestors of the 18th century, if stran-
gers look on Scotland as a land of
romance, this we owe in a great
measure to Burns." (Applause).

That is why I say, gentlemen,
these gatherings on Burns anni-
versary are of a thanksgiving na-
ture.

His Conversational Powers.

To-day Burns is admired on ac-
count of his poems, more especi-
ally the songs, but all who had the
good fortune to speak with him
say that his conversational powers
were even more amazing than his
poetic gifts. One Edinburgh hos-
tess said: "None ever outshone
Burns in the sorcery of fascinating
conversation; spontaneous elo-
quence, and brilliant repartee." She
then goes on to describe the
almost superhuman beauty of his
voice and eyes, those black balls of
fire that electrified all on whom
they rested. The Duchess of Gor-
don, queen of Scottish society then,
the friend of Pitt, and acquainted
with all the most brilliant men of
that time, said of Burns: "No
man's conversation ever carried
me so completely off my feet." Professors and learned doctors
were alike impressed but, alas,
there remains only the reputation
of that wonderful gift of speech.
The greatest of all biographies was
written by a Scotsman about an
Englishman. What a pity Burns
had no Boswell dogging his foot-
steps to preserve for posterity
that eloquence and wit, especially
during the one crowded hour of
glorious life in Edinburgh when
the star of Burns shone brightest.
However, gentlemen, we still have
his poems and my advice to you is,
read them (Applause). The ig-
norance of many Scotsmen about
the life and works of Burns is de-
plorable and disgraceful. Far too
many of our countrymen have a
hearsay, second-hand knowledge
of the poet and are Burnites one
day or rather one night per year—
to-night's date.

Suggested Qualification.

I think it would be a good thing
if our St. Andrew's Society made
it a rule that no one could join
unless he possessed a copy of
Burns poems and could prove to a
Board of Examiners that he knew
something of the contents (Ap-
plause). That may sound a bit
drastic but I certainly think that
no one should be allowed to—(or
have the nerve to) sit on the com-
mittee who does not have a well
thumbed copy of our poet. Of
course, gentlemen, I am casting
no reflections on the members of
the present excellent committee.
And you fathers here to-night,
what do your bairns ken about
Burns and his dialect? Are you
letting them grow up ignorant of
the tongue of their forefathers,
and is the priceless heritage of
Scottish song, ballad, and story
to be a closed book to them? Here
I think the Hongkong St. Andrew's
Society can be of use. In many
parts of Scotland the Burns and
Scott societies give prizes to the
scholars who write the best essays

on Burns and Scott subjects.
Surely it is not beyond the means
of a powerful society like ours to
do something similar for the bairns
of this Colony. I am sure my
friend Professor Simpson, a
staunch Scot from Aberfeldy, will
be only too pleased to do what he
can to help in such a laudable
scheme. I hope the members of
the committee will consider the
suggestion (Applause).

Lord Rosebery's Tribute.

Besides knowing the poems of
Burns, every Scot worthy of the
name should be familiar with
Carlyle's magnificent essay on
Burns—one of the best things Car-
lyle ever wrote—and Lord Rose-
bery's speeches made at Dumfries
and Glasgow. With your permi-
sion I shall conclude with a brief
quotation, from the most eloquent
of living Scotsmen. His Lordship
says: "Burns had honours in his
lifetime but his fame has rolled
on like a snowball since his death,
and still rolls on. That generous
and immortal soul pervades the
universe to-day. In the humming
city and in the crowd of man; in
the backwood and in the swamp;
where the sentinel paces the black
frontier and where the sailor
smokes his evening pipe; and
above all, where the farmer and
his men pursue their summer toil,
whether under the Stars and
Stripes or under the Union Jack,
the thought and sympathy of men
are directed to Burns. His true
life began with his death; with
his body passed away all that was
gross and impure. The clear spirit
stood, revealed and soared at once
to its accepted place among the
fixed stars in the firmament of
the rare immortals." (Applause).

The Lassies.

"The Lassies" toast was in the
able hands of Mr. J. Walker. He
said if the spirit of Burns
could be with them he would find
there many kindred spirits, all
ready to admit the same weakness
for the lassies. It seemed to be
the established custom to introduce
this toast with a certain amount of
levity. He himself had had some
experience of the lassies,—(laugh-
ter)—an experience which had
probably been a bit varied and
wild. (Laughter). It might seem
a paradox but the more we learned
about them the less we were likely
to understand them. They might
say that in the lassies they had
contradiction contradicted. But
when troubled with all the care
and strife of the world, to whom
did we go for comfort and sym-
pathy? To the lassies. But who
had caused all care and strife?
The lassies. (Laughter). Still, as
the flapper of 16 said, there were
compensations and in the Hong-
kong lassies there were compensa-
tions, although the only trouble he
had found was that there were not
enough from North of the Tweed.
There were cigarettes, cocktails
and shingles to compensate and
the ladies to brighten an otherwise
dull existence. The lassies were
as the sugar to the toddy. (Laugh-
ter and applause).

Kilmarnock Relations.

Dr. John Morrison replied and
said Mr. Walker had given such a
brilliant display of pointed
apophorisms that he would like to
ask him if he had any relations in
Kilmarnock. (Laughter). Burns
had written a lot of things about
the ladies but not many unkind
ones. One of the unkind ones,
however, was about a lady
who turned him out of a comfort-
able pub late one evening,—(laugh-
ter)—when he was tired and had to
walk many miles to the next rest-
ing house. (Laughter and ap-
plause).

The Chief of the St. Andrew's
Society made reference
to the high honour so deservedly
conferred on Mr. George Duncan,
and thanked Mr. H. E. D. Adams
for his excellent arrangements.
A vote of thanks to Dr. Black
was carried with musical honours.
The gathering broke up with
the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

A FLYING GOVERNOR.

LORD STONEHAVEN'S SPECIAL
AEROPLANE.

Rugby, Jan. 25.
An aeroplane is under construc-
tion in England for the recently
appointed Governor-General of
Australia, Lord Stonehaven.
The machine is a De Havilland
Fifty biplane, fitted with a two-
hundred and thirty horse-power
Siddley Puma engine. There is a
cabin with seats for four passen-
gers, and the machine will be used
by the Governor on his official
visits throughout Australia. It
can be quickly converted from a
landplane with wheels to a sea-
plane with floats.—British Wireless.

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A WIFE'S ROMANCE

The STAR

CONSTANCE TALMADGE

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THE WORLD

SHANGHAI HEALTH.

VALUE OF VACCINATION.

The value of vaccination in pre-
venting small-pox is stressed by Dr.
C. Noel Davis, Commissioner of
Public Health in Shanghai, in his
monthly report. He says:

The health of the community
during the last month of the year
continued to be satisfactory, the
death-rate among both Foreigners
and Chinese being about normal.

There was, however, a definite
increase in the number of cases of
smallpox notified, and in the num-
ber of deaths from the disease.
Among foreigners there were al-
together 18 cases and of these 5
died.

The history of vaccination
among them was as follows:—

Five, of whom three died, had
never been vaccinated at all. That
is a heavy mortality of 60 per
cent, whereas in the vaccinated the
mortality is often less than 1 per
cent.

Four, all adults, had never been
vaccinated since infancy, and one
of these died.

Five had not been vaccinated
within the last three years.
Three, of whom two were
Japanese, had been vaccinated less
than two years ago, one unsucces-
fully, and of one no history could
be obtained.

The prevention of smallpox by
vaccination is one of the greatest
triumphs of preventive medicine,
and despite the persistent attacks
of the prejudiced and ignorant, the
foundations upon which it rests
have never been shaken.

They cannot be, for they are
based on Nature, and the method
is in strictest harmony with
Nature's method, by which the
body, in response to the experience
of disease, not only recovers, but
prepares itself more effectively
against future attacks by creating
within itself a special resistance,
or, as we say, a specific immunity,
against the disease.

Vaccination, duly and efficiently
performed, will protect from small-
pox as much as an attack of the
disease. Jenner himself said, I
never expected that it would do
more and it will not, I believe, do
less.

The protection given by efficient
vaccination is almost absolute, as
absolute as anything human can
be, but smallpox is known to occur
occasionally among the vaccinated,
for any immunity is capable of
being broken through by an excep-
tionally potent virus.

Experience, however, has de-
finitely shown that such cases are
comparatively mild, and the mor-
tality from smallpox is from 5 to
16 times greater in the unvaccinated
than in the vaccinated.

All who have not been efficiently
vaccinated during the last three
years are urged to be done without
delay.

During this last year a record
number of 49,000 free vaccinations
have been done at the Branch
Health Offices and Hospitals of the
Public Health Department.

TRAFFIC CASES.

TO-DAY'S POLICE
PROSECUTIONS.

A number of traffic cases came
up at the Magistracy this morning.
On January 10th, as a Chinese
was driving a car in a westerly
direction, following behind a
private ricksha, when near the
Naval Dockyard gates he collided
with the back of the ricksha,
throwing the Chinese woman
occupant out, and doing consider-
able damage to the ricksha.

Before Major Willson, this morn-
ing, he was charged with failing
to report the accident, and with
reckless driving.

Sub-Inspector Alexander said
the woman had been asked to
attend the Court to give evidence
against the defendant on the
charge of reckless driving, arising
out of the accident, but she had
not put in an appearance. At
first, he understood, the defendant
refused to pay compensation, but
had since done so.

The defendant denied the
charges.
An application by Inspector
Kent that the cases be adjourned
was granted.

SPEEDSTER FINED.

A fine of \$50 was imposed on
a Chinese for exceeding the speed
limit.

Sub-Inspector Alexander said the
defendant drove a closed, empty
car, out of Wing Lok Street, into
Des Voeux Road at a very fast
rate. He then drove from the
Sincere Company as far as the
Central Market at a speed of
twenty-two miles an hour. He had
to pull up by the market be-
cause a stationary tramcar was
obstructing his path. There was a
lot of traffic, and many pedestrians
about at the time.

Inspector Kent said the defend-
ant had two previous convictions
recorded against him, one for speed-
ing and the other for reckless
driving.

Major Willson, in warning the
defendant, said if he was not care-
ful, he would find himself charged
with manslaughter.

FAILED TO STOP.

Charged with disobeying the
"stop" signal given by the traffic
pointsman at the junction of
Arenal Street and Queen's Road
East, a Chinese driver was fined
\$5, by Major Willson.

It was alleged against the man
that by not complying with the
signal, he complicated a "jam" at
this point, in which were a tram-
car, a motor car, a goods truck,
and a motor cycle. The interest-
ing feature was that riding this
motor cycle was Sergeant Baker,
one of the Traffic Department's
patrol men.

The 250,000 stamp collection of
the late Tsar Nicholas of Russia
is to be sold shortly by a London
philatelic agency. The collection
consists of the Romanoff issues
of the Russian stamps which ap-
peared in 1917 and which took
the Russian government four
years to prepare.

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